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## **House of Representatives**

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BEGUN AND HELD

AT THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,

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AND IN THE FIFTEENTH YEAR OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE SAID STATES.

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At a Session of the CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, begun and held at the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the sixth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, pursuant to the act "for establishing the temporary and permanent Seat of Government of the United States;" being the third session of the first Congress, held under the Constitution of Government of the United States:

On which day, being the day appointed by adjournment of the two Houses for the meeting of the present session, the following members of the House of Representatives appeared and took their seats, to wit:

From New Hampshire,	{ Abiel Foster, Nicholas Gilman, and Samuel Livermore.
From Massachusetts,	{ Fisher Ames, Benjamin Goodhue, and George Thatcher.
From Connecticut,	{ Benjamin Huntington, Roger Sherman, and Jonathan Sturges.
From New York,	{ Egbert Benson, William Floyd, John Lawrance, and Peter Silvester.
From New Jersey,	{ Elias Boudinot, Lambert Cadwalader, and James Schureman.
From Pennsylvania,	{ George Clymer, Thomas Fitzsimons, Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, Peter Muhlenberg, and Henry Wynkoop.
From Maryland,	Joshua Seney.
From Virginia,	{ John Brown, Samuel Griffin, and James Madison, junior.



From North Carolina,

{ Timothy Bloodworth, and  
Hugh Williamson.

From South Carolina,

William Smith.

From Georgia,

Abraham Baldwin.

But a quorum of the whole number not being present, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7.

The House met according to adjournment.

Several other members, to wit: from Pennsylvania, Daniel Heister and Thomas Scott; from Virginia, Richard Bland Lee; and from South Carolina, Daniel Huger; appeared and took their seats.

And a quorum of the whole number being present,

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* I am directed to inform this House that a quorum of the Senate is now assembled in the Senate chamber, and ready to proceed to business. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

*Ordered,* That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that a quorum of the House is assembled, and ready to proceed to business; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

Another member, to wit: William B. Giles, from Virginia, returned to serve in the room of Theodorick Bland, deceased, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

On motion,

*Resolved,* That Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Lawrance, and Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, be a committee, jointly, with such committee as the Senate shall appoint, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to a resolution, that Mr. Langdon and Mr. Morris be a committee on the part of the Senate, with such committee as this House shall appoint, to inform the President of the United States that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and will be ready in the Senate chamber, at such time as the President shall appoint, to receive any communications he may be pleased to make; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution; and the same being read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have appointed a committee, jointly, with the committee appointed by this House, to wait on the President of the United States, to inform him that a quorum of the two Houses has assembled. And then he withdrew.

The several petitions of John Lewis, Francis Ackling, and Alexander Fowler, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying the liquidation and settlement of claims against the United States. Also,

A petition of Jacob Bell, praying that the amount of certain duties, to the payment of which he has been subjected by a mistake of the Collector of the port of New York, may be refunded to him.

*Ordered,* That the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Boudinot, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses had assembled, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service; and that the President was pleased to say, that he would attend, to make a communication to both Houses of Congress, to-morrow at twelve o'clock, in the Senate chamber.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Several other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, Elbridge Gerry and Jonathan Grout; from Virginia, Andrew Moore and Alexander White; and from South Carolina, Thomas Tudor Tucker; appeared and took their seats.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate are now ready, in the Senate chamber, to attend this House in receiving the communication from the President of the United States, agreeably to his notification to both Houses yesterday. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Speaker, attended by the members of this House, then withdrew to the Senate chamber, for the purpose expressed in the message from the Senate; and being returned,

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a copy of the speech delivered by the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress in the Senate chamber, as followeth:

*Fellow Citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives:*

In meeting you again, I feel much satisfaction in being able to repeat my congratulations on the favorable prospects which continue to distinguish our public affairs. The abundant fruits of another year have blessed our country with plenty, and with the means of a flourishing commerce. The progress of public credit is witnessed by a considerable rise of American Stock abroad as well as at home. And the revenues allotted for this and other national purposes, have been productive beyond the calculations by which they were regulated. This latter circumstance is the more pleasing, as it is not only a proof of the fertility of our resources, but as it assures us of a further increase of the national respectability and credit; and let me add, as it bears an honorable testimony to the patriotism and integrity of the mercantile and marine part of our citizens: The punctuality of the former in discharging their engagements has been exemplary.

In conformity to the powers vested in me by acts of the last session, a loan of three millions of florins, towards which some provisional measures had previously taken place, has been completed in Holland. As well the celerity with which it has been filled, as the nature of the terms, (considering the more than ordinary demand for borrowing created by the situation of Europe,) give a reasonable hope that the further execution of those powers may proceed with advantage and success. The Secretary of the Treasury has my direction to communicate such further particulars as may be requisite for more precise information.

Since your last sessions, I have received communications, by which it appears that the District of Kentucky, at present a part of Virginia, has concurred in certain propositions contained in a law of that State; in consequence of which the district is to become a distinct member of the Union, in case the requisite sanction of Congress be added. For this sanction application is now made.

I shall cause the papers on this very important transaction to be laid before you. The liberality and harmony with which it has been conducted, will be found to do great honor to both the parties. And the sentiments of warm attachment to the Union, and its present Government, expressed by our fellow-citizens of Kentucky, cannot fail to add an affectionate concern for their particular welfare, to the great national impressions under which you will decide on the case submitted to you.

It has been heretofore known to Congress, that frequent incursions have been made on our frontier settlements by certain banditti of Indians from the Northwest side of the Ohio. These, with some of the tribes dwelling on and near the Wabash, have of late been particularly active in their depredations; and being emboldened by the impunity of their crimes, and aided by such parts of the neighboring tribes as could be seduced to join in their hostilities, or afford them a retreat for their prisoners and plunder, they have, instead of listening to the humane invitations and overtures made on the part of the United States, renewed their violences with fresh alacrity and greater effect. The lives of a number of valuable citizens have thus been sacrificed, and some of them under circumstances peculiarly shocking; whilst others have been carried into a deplorable captivity.

These aggravated provocations rendered it essential to the safety of the Western settlements, that the aggressors should be made sensible that the Government of the Union is not less capable of punishing their crimes, than it is disposed to respect their rights and reward their attachments. As this object could not be effected by defensive measures, it became necessary to put in force the act which empowers the President to call out the militia for the protection of the frontiers. And I have accordingly authorized an expe-



dition, in which the regular troops in that quarter are combined with such draughts of militia as were deemed sufficient. The event of the measure is yet unknown to me. The Secretary of War is directed to lay before you a statement of the information on which it is founded, as well as an estimate of the expense with which it will be attended.

The disturbed situation of Europe, and particularly the critical posture of the great maritime Powers, whilst it ought to make us the more thankful for the general peace and security enjoyed by the United States, reminds us, at the same time, of the circumspection with which it becomes us to preserve these blessings. It requires also that we should not overlook the tendency of a war, and even of preparations for a war, among the nations most concerned in active commerce with this country, to abridge the means, and thereby at least enhance the price of transporting its valuable productions to their proper markets. I recommend it to your serious reflections, how far, and in what mode, it may be expedient to guard against embarrassments from these contingencies, by such encouragements to our own navigation as will render our commerce and agriculture least dependent on foreign bottoms, which may fail us in the very moment most interesting to both of these great objects. Our fisheries, and the transportation of our own produce, offer us abundant means for guarding ourselves against this evil.

Your attention seems to be not less due to that particular branch of our trade which belongs to the Mediterranean. So many circumstances unite in rendering the present state of it distressful to us, that you will not think any deliberations misemployed which may lead to its relief and protection.

The laws you have already passed for the establishment of a Judiciary System, have opened the doors of justice to all descriptions of persons. You will consider in your wisdom, whether improvements in that system may yet be made; and particularly, whether an uniform process of execution on sentences issuing from the Federal Courts, be not desirable through all the States.

The patronage of our commerce, of our merchants and seamen, has called for the appointment of Consuls in foreign countries. It seems expedient to regulate by law the exercise of that jurisdiction, and those functions which are permitted them, either by express convention, or by a friendly indulgence in the places of their residence. The consular convention too with his Most Christian Majesty, has stipulated, in certain cases, the aid of the national authority to his Consuls established here. Some legislative provision is requisite to carry these stipulations into full effect.

The establishment of the Militia—of a Mint—of standards of Weights and Measures—of the Post Office and Post Roads—are subjects which (I presume) you will resume of course, and which are abundantly urged by their own importance.

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :*

The sufficiency of the revenues you have established, for the objects to which they are appropriated, leaves no doubt but the residuary provisions will be commensurate to the other objects, for which the public faith stands now pledged. Allow me moreover, to hope, that it will be a favorite policy with you, not merely to secure a payment of the interest of the debt funded, but as far and as fast as the growing resources of the country will permit, to exonerate it of the principal itself. The appropriations you have made of the Western lands, explain your dispositions on this subject: And I am persuaded, that the sooner that valuable fund can be made to contribute, along with other means, to the actual reduction of the public debt, the more salutary will the measure be to every public interest, as well as the more satisfactory to our constituents.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:*

In pursuing the various and weighty business of the present session, I indulge the fullest persuasion that your consultations will be equally marked with wisdom, and animated by the love of your country. In whatever belongs to my duty, you shall have all the co-operation which an undiminished zeal for its welfare can inspire.

It will be happy for us both, and our best reward, if, by a successful administration of our respective trusts, we can make the established Government more and more instrumental in promoting the good of our fellow citizens, and more and more the objects of their attachment and confidence.

G. WASHINGTON.

UNITED STATES, December 8, 1790.

On motion,

*Resolved,* That the said speech be committed to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow

On motion,

*Resolved,* That two Chaplains, of different denominations, be appointed to Congress for the present session, one by each House, who shall interchange weekly.



*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of John Carlile was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of his accounts as Assistant Adjutant General to the late American Army.

*Ordered*, That the said petition, together with the petitions of Jacob Bell and John Lewis, which were presented yesterday, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

*Ordered*, That the petition of Francis Ackling, which was presented yesterday, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for establishing the Post Office and Post Roads of the United States; and that Mr. Sherman, Mr. Clymer, and Mr. Williamson, be of the said committee.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Two other members, to wit: James Jackson, and George Mathews, from Georgia, appeared and took their seats.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said speech under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on a question put thereupon, agreed to by the House as followeth:

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that an address ought to be presented by the House to the President of the United States, in answer to his speech to both Houses, with assurances that this House will, without delay, proceed to take into their serious consideration the various and important matters recommended to their attention.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Madison, Mr. Ames, and Mr. Tucker, be appointed a committee to prepare an address pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate agree to the resolution of this House for the appointment of two Chaplains to Congress, for the present session; and have elected the Right Reverend Bishop White, on their part. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That to-morrow be assigned as the day for the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, on the part of this House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House cause the members to be furnished, during the present session, with three newspapers, such as the members respectively shall choose, to be delivered at their lodgings.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, who delivered in the copy of certain official communications from the District of Kentucky, relative to the erection of the said district into an Independent State, as referred to in the President's speech to both Houses of Congress. And then withdrew.

The said official communications were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanied with a statement of the information on which the expedition against the Indians Northwest of the Ohio, has been founded; and also, the instructions to the Governor of the Western Territory and the commanding Officer of the troops, relative to the same object; together with an estimate of the expense with which the expedition will probably be attended.

*Ordered*, That the said letter and enclosures do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for registering ships or vessels, for regulating those employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for other purposes; and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Lee, be of the said committee.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to amend the act, entitled "An act to promote the progress of useful arts;" and that Mr. White, Mr. Seney, and Mr. Baldwin, be of the said committee.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.



## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10.

Several other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, George Partridge; from Connecticut, Jonathan Trumbull, and Jeremiah Wadsworth; from New Jersey, Thomas Sinnickson; and from Maryland, William Smith; appeared and took their seats.

The House, according to the order of the day proceeded by ballot to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, on the part of this House; and upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of the Reverend Mr. Blair.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for determining, agreeable to the provision in the first section of the second article of the Constitution, the time when the electors shall, in the year which will terminate on the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, and so in every fourth year thereafter, be chosen, and the day on which they shall give their votes for declaring what officer shall, in case of vacancy both in the office of President and Vice President, act as President; for assigning a public office, where the lists mentioned in the second paragraph of the first section of the second article of the Constitution, shall, in case of vacancy in the office of the President of the Senate, or his absence from the seat of Government, be in the mean time deposited; and for directing the mode in which such lists shall be transmitted; and that Mr. Benson, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Heister, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Partridge, be of the said committee.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States; and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Peter Muhlenberg, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Grout, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Giles, Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, and Mr. Mathews, be of the said committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to bring to this House a letter from Monsieur Benier, President of the Commonalty of Paris, addressed to the President and Members of Congress of the United States, with twenty-six copies of a civic eulogium on Benjamin Franklin, pronounced the twenty-first of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, in the name of the Commonalty of Paris, by Monsieur the Abbe Pauchet, which were brought to the Senate by Mr. Lear, the Secretary of the President of the United States. And he delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

Mr. Madison, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, an address to the President of the United States, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Commissioners of the City and County of Philadelphia, stating that they had fitted up, and made an appropriation of, their County Court House, for the accommodation of Congress; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the address to the President of the United States, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress; and, after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said address under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Resolved, unanimously*, That this House doth agree to the said address, in the words following:

SIR: The Representatives of the People of the United States have taken into consideration your address to the two Houses at the opening of the present session of Congress.

We share in the satisfaction inspired by the prospects which continue to be so auspicious to our public affairs. The blessings resulting from the smiles of Heaven on our agriculture; the rise of public credit, with the further advantages promised by it; and the fertility of resources which are found so little burdensome to the community; fully authorize our mutual congratulations on the present occasion. Nor can we learn without an additional gratification, that the energy of the laws for providing adequate revenues, have been so honorably seconded by those classes of citizens whose patriotism and probity were more immediately concerned.

The success of the loan opened in Holland, under the disadvantages of the present moment, is the more important, as it not only denotes the confidence already placed in



the United States, but as the effect of a judicious application of that aid, will still further illustrate the solidity of the foundation on which the public credit rests.

The preparatory steps taken by the State of Virginia, in concert with the District of Kentucky, towards the erection of the latter into a distinct member of the Union, exhibit a liberality mutually honorable to the parties. We shall bestow on this important subject the favorable consideration which it merits; and with the national policy which ought to govern our decision, shall not fail to mingle the affectionate sentiments which are awakened by those expressed on behalf of our fellow citizens of Kentucky.

Whilst we regret the necessity which has produced offensive hostilities against some of the Indian tribes Northwest of the Ohio, we sympathise too much with our Western brethren, not to behold with approbation the watchfulness and vigor which have been exerted by the Executive authority for their protection; and which we trust will make the aggressors sensible that it is their interest to merit, by a peaceable behavior, the friendship and humanity which the United States are always ready to extend to them.

The encouragement of our own navigation has at all times appeared to us highly important. The point of view under which you have recommended it to us, is strongly enforced by the actual state of things in Europe. It will be incumbent on us to consider in what mode our commerce and agriculture can be best relieved from an injurious dependence on the navigation of other nations, which the frequency of their wars renders a too precarious resource for conveying the productions of our country to market.

The present state of our trade to the Mediterranean seems not less to demand, and will accordingly receive, the attention which you have recommended.

Having already concurred in establishing a Judiciary System, which opens the doors of justice to all, without distinction of persons, it will be our disposition to incorporate every improvement which experience may suggest. And we shall consider in particular how far the uniformity, which, in other cases, is found convenient in the administration of the General Government through all the States, may be introduced into the forms and rules of executing sentences issuing from the Federal Courts.

The proper regulation of the jurisdiction and functions which may be exercised by Consuls of the United States in foreign countries, with the provisions stipulated to those of his Most Christian Majesty established here, are subjects of too much consequence to the public interest and honor not to partake of our deliberations.

We shall renew our attention to the establishment of the Militia, and the other subjects unfinished at the last session, and shall proceed in them with all the despatch which the magnitude of all, and the difficulty of some of them, will allow.

Nothing has given us more satisfaction than to find that the revenues heretofore established have proved adequate to the purposes to which they were allotted. In extending the provision to the residuary objects, it will be equally our care to secure sufficiency and punctuality in the payments due from the Treasury of the United States. We shall, also, never lose sight of the policy of diminishing the public debt as fast as the increase of the public resources will permit; and are particularly sensible of the many considerations which press a resort to the auxiliary resource furnished by the public lands.

In pursuing every branch of the weighty business of the present session, it will be our constant study to direct our deliberations to the public welfare. Whatever our success may be, we can at least answer for the fervent love of our country, which ought to animate our endeavors. In your co-operation we are sure of a resource, which fortifies our hopes that the fruits of the established Government will justify the confidence which has been placed in it, and recommend it more and more to the affection and attachment of our fellow citizens.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Speaker, attended by the House, do present the said address; and that Mr. Madison, Mr. Ames, and Mr. Tucker, be a committee to wait on the President, to know when and where it will be convenient for him to receive the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Williamson and Mr. Sherman be added to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to amend the act, entitled "An act to promote the progress of useful arts."

Mr. Madison, from the committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, to know when and where it will be convenient for him to receive the address of this House, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress, reported

That the committee had, according to order, waited on the President, who signified to them that it would be convenient to him to receive the said address at two o'clock on Monday next at his own house.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.



## MONDAY, DECEMBER 13.

Several other members, to wit : from Massachusetts, George Leonard ; from Delaware, John Vining ; from Virginia, Josiah Parker ; from North Carolina, John Baptist Ashe ; and from South Carolina, Edanus Burke ; appeared and took their seats.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report of a farther provision for the establishment of the public credit, made pursuant to an order of the House of the ninth day of August last ; which were read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on this day se'nnight.

A petition of Jesse Holt was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States during the late war. Also,

A petition of Thomas M'Intire, praying to be allowed the commutation of half-pay as an officer in the Army of the United States during the late war.

Also, a petition of Joanna Gardener, widow of Colonel Thomas Gardener, late of Massachusetts, deceased, praying that the provision, made by an act of the late Congress, for the relief of the widows and children of officers who have died in the service of the United States, may be extended to her and to her children.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

*Ordered*, That the several petitions of Alexander Fowler, which were presented to the House on Tuesday last, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Speaker, attended by the House, then withdrew to the house of the President of the United States, and there presented to him the address of this House, in answer to his speech to both Houses of Congress ; to which the President made the following reply :

*Gentlemen* : The sentiments expressed in your address are entitled to my particular acknowledgment.

Having no object but the good of our country, this testimony of approbation and confidence from its immediate Representatives must be among my best rewards, as the support of your enlightened patriotism has been among my greatest encouragements. Being persuaded that you will continue to be actuated by the same auspicious principle, I look forward to the happiest consequences from your deliberations during the present session.

G. WASHINGTON.

And then, Mr. Speaker and the members being returned,  
The House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14.

Two other members, to wit : from New York, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer ; and from Pennsylvania, Thomas Hartley ; appeared and took their seats.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, as followeth :

UNITED STATES, *December 14, 1790.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives* :

Having informed Congress of the expedition which had been directed against certain Indians Northwest of the Ohio, I embrace the earliest opportunity of laying before you the official communications which have been received upon that subject.

G. WASHINGTON.

The official communications referred to in the said message were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report, number two, of a plan for the institution of a national bank, as referred to in his letter of yesterday, which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on this day se'nnight.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills directing the mode in which the evidences of the debt of the United States, which have been, or may be, lost or destroyed, shall be renewed ; and that Mr. Lee, Mr. Trumbull, and Mr. Cadwalader, be of the said committee.



A petition of Anne Roberts, widow of Owen Roberts, late a colonel of artillery in the Army of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed the seven years' half-pay of a colonel, as the widow of the said Owen Roberts, who was slain in the service of his country.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

A petition of Henry Emanuel Lutterloh was presented to the House and read, praying that his claim to a compensation for certain military services, which was exhibited to and rejected at the last session of Congress, may be re-considered.

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said petition be referred to the consideration of a committee,

It passed in the negative.

And so the said petition was rejected.

The several petitions of Timothy Mix, John Linn, Reuben Gould, and Josiah Simpson, Attorney in fact for Dorcas Frost and others, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying to receive compensation for services rendered, or for losses or injuries sustained, in the service of the United State, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Thomas Randall, of the city of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying to receive compensation for a sloop, with her appurtenances, the property of the petitioner, which was impressed into the service of the United States during the late war. Also,

A petition of Samuel Prideau, Junior, of the city of Charleston, praying to receive compensation for the value of certain wharves and houses which were taken from him, and appropriated to the use of the American Army at the siege of that place.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do agree to the following resolution, to wit:

This House being highly sensible of the polite attention of the Commons of Paris, in directing copies of an eulogium lately pronounced before them, as a tribute to the illustrious memory of Benjamin Franklin, a citizen of the United States, to be transmitted to Congress:

*Resolved*, That the Speaker do accordingly communicate the sense of the House thereon to the President of the Commons of Paris:

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A petition of Amos Davis was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of the fracture of his hip, by a fall from his horse, after his discharge from the Army, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five.

A motion being made, and the question being put, that the said petition be referred to the consideration of a committee,

It passed in the negative.

And so the said petition was rejected.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to continue an act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations; and that Mr. Jackson, Mr. Ames, and Mr. Sturges, be of the said committee.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the



Clerk's table, where the same were again severally twice read, and agreed to by the House as followeth :

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that immediate provision ought to be made for defraying the expenses incurred in the expedition against the Indians Northwest of the Ohio.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that a bill or bills ought to be brought in for the farther encouragement of the navigation of the United States.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that so much of the speech of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress as relates to the trade of the United States in the Mediterranean, ought to be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to report thereupon to the House.

*Ordered*, That the first resolution be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to report an appropriation pursuant thereto.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant to the second resolution ; and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Ashe, Mr. Parker, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, Mr. Clymer, Mr. Vining, Mr. Benson, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Foster, be of the said committee.

*Ordered*, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of an uniform system for the disposition of lands, the property of the United States, which was made on the twenty-second of July last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

*Ordered*, That the report of the Secretary of State of a proper plan or plans for establishing uniformity in the currency, weights, and measures, of the United States, which was made on the thirteenth of July last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16.

A petition of the merchants and other inhabitants of the town of Baltimore, was presented to the House and read, praying that a health office may be established, or other provision made by law, for protecting them from infectious and epidemical diseases, brought by passengers and others arriving from foreign countries. Also,

A petition of Isaac Mansfield, praying compensation for his services as a chaplain in the late Army of the United States. Also,

A petition of John Churchman, praying that the application he made at the first session of Congress, for permission to undertake a voyage to Baffin's Bay, at the public expense, for the purpose of making magnetical experiments to ascertain the causes of the variation of the needle, and how near the longitude can be thereby ascertained, may now be determined.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Jackson, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to continue an act, entitled "An act for declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations;" which was received, and read the first time.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill more effectually to provide for the National defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17.

Two other members, to wit: from New York, John Hathorn; and from North Carolina, John Sevier, appeared and took their seats.

Benjamin Bourn, a member returned to serve in this House for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

*Ordered*, That the petition of the merchants and other inhabitants of the town of Bal-



timore, which was presented yesterday, be referred to Mr. Seney, Mr. Vining, and Mr. Parker; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Francis Taylor, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition, together with the petition of Isaac Mansfield, which was presented yesterday, be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

An address and memorial of the People called Quakers, convened at their yearly meeting for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and the Eastern part of Maryland and Virginia, lately held in Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, representing their objections to certain provisions of a bill now depending, entitled "A bill more effectually to provide for the National defence, by establishing a uniform Militia throughout the United States."

*Ordered*, That the said address and memorial do lie on the table.

A bill to continue an act, entitled "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States,' to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill more effectually to provide for the National defence, by establishing a uniform Militia throughout the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Another member, to wit Michael Jenifer Stone, from Maryland, appeared and took his seat.

An engrossed bill to continue an act, entitled "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," was read the third time, and the blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to continue an act, entitled 'An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.'"

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act making farther provision for the payment of the debts of the United States,'" was read the second time, and ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Benson, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill declaring the officer who, in case of vacancies, both in the offices of President and Vice President of the United States, shall act as President; also, a bill declaring the respective times when the electors to vote for a President of the United States shall be appointed or chosen, and shall give their votes; also, a bill directing the mode in which the lists of the votes for a President shall be transmitted to the Seat of the Government of the United States; which were severally received, and read the first time.

A petition from Barnabas Lucas was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of William Robinson was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of a final settlement certificate, the property of the petitioner, which was lost or destroyed some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.



*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills declaring the mode in which the evidences of the debt of the United States, which have been or may be lost or destroyed, shall be renewed.

A petition of John Miller Russel was presented to the House and read, praying that the additional duty on hemp, imported from foreign countries, may be remitted to him on a quantity of hemp lately imported from Russia, and which was shipped from thence prior to the passing the act imposing the said additional duty. Also,

A petition of sundry merchants and traders of the city of Philadelphia, praying that pier-heads may be erected at the town of Chester, in the river Delaware, for the greater security and accommodation of the trade thereof.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution, to wit:

*Resolved*, That provision be made for erecting a beacon at the entrance of the port of Georgetown, in the State of South Carolina:

*Ordered*, That the said motion be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform Militia throughout the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act making farther provision for the payment of the debts of the United States,'" was read the third time; and, on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A bill declaring the officer who, in case of vacancies both in the offices of President and Vice President of the United States, shall act as President, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A bill declaring the respective times when the electors to vote for a President of the United States, shall be appointed or chosen, and shall give their votes, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A bill directing the mode in which the lists of the votes for a President shall be transmitted to the Seat of the Government of the United States, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A petition of the corporation of trustees of the public grammar school and academy of Wilmington, in the State of Delaware, was presented to the House and read, praying that compensation may be made for the use of, and the injuries done to, the buildings of the said academy, by the troops of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial and remonstrance of the public creditors who are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by their committee for that purpose appointed, was presented to the House and read, representing the insufficiency of the provision for the public creditors, made by an act passed at the last session of Congress, entitled "An act making provision for the debt of the United States;" and praying that a more adequate provision may now be made.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial and remonstrance do lie on the table.

A petition of Robert Ford was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of wounds and injuries received in the service of the United States during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.



Mr. Seney, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of sundry inhabitants of the town of Baltimore, praying the establishment of a health office, made a report, which was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

“ Your committee have had under their consideration the subject-matter of the said memorial, and are firmly persuaded that the same highly merits the attention of Congress : But being convinced that the regulation prayed by the memorialists, is not only essential for the port aforesaid, but for all others into which considerable imports are made, are of opinion that a law ought to be passed with general provisions in this respect.”

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said report; and that Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Seney, Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Vining, and Mr. Goodhue, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform Militia throughout the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and gone through the same, and made several amendments thereto, which he was ready to report whenever the House should think proper to receive the same.

*Ordered*, That the said report be received to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Commissioners appointed by the act passed at the last session of Congress, entitled “ An act making provision for the reduction of the public debt;” stating the amount of the purchases which have been made of the public debt, in pursuance of the powers vested in them by the said act.

*Ordered*, That the said letter and report do lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22.

A petition of Simon Summers was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have appointed Mr. Foster, on their part, to be of the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills. And then he withdrew.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Floyd and Mr. Peter Muhlenberg, be of the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, on the part of this House; and that the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments, agreed to yesterday by the Committee of the Whole House to the bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform Militia throughout the United States, and made some progress therein.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said amendments be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23.

Another member, to wit : Theodore Sedgwick, from Massachusetts, appeared, and took his seat.

An address of the representatives of the religious society called Quakers, residing in the State of New York and Western parts of New England, was presented to the House and read, representing their objections to certain provisions of a bill now depending, entitled “ A bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform Militia throughout the United States.”

*Ordered*, That the said address do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the petition of John Churchman, which was presented on Thursday last, be referred to Mr. Huntington, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Heister; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do communicate to the Senate that this House has received a report from the Secretary of State respecting coins, weights, and measures; and, also, a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, containing a plan for a National Bank; and that he carry attested copies of the said reports to the Senate.



A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, as follows :

UNITED STATES, December 23, 1790.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :*

It appearing, by the report of the Secretary of the Government Northwest of the Ohio, that there are certain cases respecting grants of land within that territory, which require the interference of the Legislature of the United States, I have directed a copy of said report, and the papers therein referred to, to be laid before you ; together with a copy of the report of the Secretary of State upon the same subject.

G. WASHINGTON.

The report and papers referred to in the said message were read, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for their information.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House to the bill "more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform Militia throughout the United States," and made a farther progress therein.

*Ordered*, That the farther consideration of the said amendments be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act making farther provision for the payment of the debts of the United States,'" and found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24.

The petitions of Alexander Nelson, attorney in fact for sundry persons, of James Alexander, and William Cottle, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered to the United States during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to ascertain how far owners of ships and vessels shall be liable to the freighters of goods shipped on board thereof ; and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Silvester, be of the said committee.

A memorial of the People called Quakers, in their annual assembly for the Western Shore of Maryland, and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia, lately convened at Baltimore, was presented to the House and read, stating their objections to certain provisions of a bill now pending, entitled "A bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform Militia throughout the United States."

*Ordered*, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House to the bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform Militia throughout the United States ; and, having gone through the same, some were agreed to, others amended and agreed to, and others disagreed to.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the said bill, as now amended, be re-committed to Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Giles, and Mr. Tucker.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States.'"

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 27.

The several petitions of Stephen Clapp, of Samuel Buffinton, attorney to Francis Suzor Delevere, of Daniel Merrill, for himself and others, and of Joshua Orne, for himself and others, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying the settlement of claims against the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to-examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.



A petition of Isaac Osgood and Sons was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress would grant a sum of money, loan, bounty, or other encouragement, to the manufacture of malt-liquors in the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to ascertain how far the owners of ships and vessels shall be answerable to the freighters; which was received, and read the first time.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of a farther provision for the establishment of the public credit; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

*Resolved*, That an additional duty of eight cents per gallon be imposed on all distilled spirits of common proof, and in the like proportion for all other distilled spirits which, after the — day of — next, shall be imported into the United States.

*Resolved*, That, from and after the — day of — next, a duty of eleven cents per gallon be imposed on all spirits of the first class of proof, distilled within the United States from molasses, sugar, or other foreign materials; and also a duty, in like proportion, on like spirits of all other classes of proof.

*Resolved*, That, from and after the — day of — next, a duty of nine cents per gallon be imposed on all spirits of the first class of proof, distilled within any city, town, or village, from materials of the growth or production of the United States; and also a duty, in like proportion, on like spirits of all other classes of proof.

*Resolved*, That, upon each still employed in distilling spirits from materials of the growth or production of the United States, in any other place than a city, town, or village, there be imposed a yearly tax or duty of sixty cents for every gallon, English wine measure, of the capacity of such still, including its head, in lieu of all other rates."

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions; and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Wynkoop, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from farther proceeding on the said report.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to alter the mode of collecting the duties on wines and teas, and to grant a longer time for the payment of such duties thereon; and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Wynkoop, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, be of the said committee.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and made some progress therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed by the Senate to inform this House that the President of the United States has, this day, approved and signed "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States.'" And then he withdrew.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to enable the Collector of the District of Pennsylvania to permit the landing of goods at other places within his district than the port of Philadelphia, when the navigation of the river Delaware shall be obstructed by ice; and that Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. White, and Mr. Bourn, be of the said committee.

The several orders of the day were postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28.

A bill to ascertain how far the owners of ships and vessels shall be answerable to the freighters, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

A memorial and remonstrance of the public creditors, who are citizens of the county of Burlington, in the State of New Jersey, and of the city of Trenton and its vicinity,



in the same State, were presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the provision for the public creditors made by an act of the last session, entitled "An act making provision for the debt of the United States," and praying that a more adequate provision may now be made.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial and remonstrance do lie on the table.

Mr. Lee, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill directing the mode in which the evidences of the debt of the United States which have been, or may be, lost or destroyed, shall be renewed; which was received, and read the first time.

*Ordered*, That the committee to whom was referred the petition of William Robinson, be discharged therefrom; and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

A petition of John Philip De Haas was presented to the House and read, praying the settlement of a claim against the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for the delivery of goods, wares, and merchandise, in the State of Pennsylvania, in cases of obstruction of the river Delaware by ice; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House then, according to the standing order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Another member, to wit: Daniel Carroll, from Maryland, appeared, and took his seat.

A bill directing the mode in which the evidences of the debt of the United States which have been, or may be, lost or destroyed, shall be renewed, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A petition of Shubael Swain was presented to the House and read, praying the remission of a penalty which he has incurred for a breach of the revenue laws of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. Livermore, and Mr. Sinnickson, with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant to the prayer thereof.

A petition of Philip Buck was presented to the House and read, praying relief for an injury sustained in the service of the United States, during the late war; and, also, that compensation may be made him for a schooner impressed into the transport service and lost, during the same period. Also,

A petition of Anna Wilhelmina Longcammer, praying relief as the widow of a soldier who was slain in the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Winthrop Sargent, Secretary of the Western Territory, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the provision made by law for the support of his office; and praying that the same may be made adequate to his services and expenses.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the delivery of goods, wares, and merchandise, in the State of Pennsylvania, in cases of obstruction of the river Delaware by ice; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.



*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On a motion made and seconded, that it be an instruction to the committee to whom was re-committed the bill "more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform Militia throughout the United States," that they do insert the following clause, to wit: "Be it enacted, That the Militia of the several States of the Union, consisting of such persons as are or may be enrolled by them, respectively, shall be organized, armed, and disciplined, in manner following :"

It passed in the negative,    { Ayes ..... 8,  
   { Noes ..... 43.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one fifth of the members present :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,  
Timothy Bloodworth,  
William Floyd,  
Jonathan Grout,

Samuel Livermore,  
George Thatcher,  
Thomas Tudor Tucker, and  
Hugh Williamson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
Egbert Benson,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Benjamin Bourn,  
John Brown,  
Edanus Burke,  
Lambert Cadwalader,  
Daniel Carroll,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
Abiel Foster,  
Elbridge Gerry,  
Nicholas Gilman,  
Benjamin Goodhue,  
Samuel Griffin,  
William B. Giles,  
John Hathorn,  
Daniel Heister,  
Benjamin Huntington,  
John Lawrance,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
James Madison, junior.

George Mathews,  
Andrew Moore,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Josiah Parker,  
George Partridge,  
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,  
Thomas Scott,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
Joshua Seney,  
John Sevier,  
Roger Sherman,  
Peter Silvester,  
Thomas Sinnickson,  
William Smith (of Maryland,)  
William Smith (of South Carolina,)  
Michael Jenifer Stone,  
Jonathan Sturges,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth,  
Alexander White, and  
Henry Wynkoop.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.  
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30.

An engrossed bill to provide for the delivery of goods, wares, and merchandise, in the State of Pennsylvania, in cases of obstruction of the river Delaware by ice, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide for the unlading of ships or vessels, in cases of obstruction by ice."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, December 30th, 1790.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :*

I lay before you a report of the Secretary of State on the subject of the citizens of the United States in captivity at Algiers, that you may provide, on their behalf, what to you shall seem most expedient.

G. WASHINGTON.



The report referred to in the said message was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill repealing, after the last day of ——— next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary of the Treasury do report to this House the amount of the exports from the several Districts within the United States, respectively; also of duties arising on imports and tonnage from the first of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, to the thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety; and, as soon as may be, from thence to the end of the present year.

A memorial of the College of Physicians of the city of Philadelphia was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will impose such heavy duties upon all distilled spirits imported into the United States, as will effectually prevent the intemperate use thereof.

*Ordered,* That the said memorial do lie on the table.

A petition of Simeon Thayre was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners in consideration of a wound received in the service of the United States during the late war.

*Ordered,* That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, accompanying his report upon so much of the speech of the President of the United States as relates to the trade of the United States in the Mediterranean, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31.

Another member, to wit, John Steele, from North Carolina, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

The several petitions of Nathaniel Porter, Lewis Pahl, John Hodge, William Paine, and Henry Laurens, of South Carolina, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered, supplies furnished, or injuries sustained in the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered,* That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of John S. Hunn, attorney to the executrix of John H. W. D. Smith, late of Charleston, South Carolina, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the settlement of a claim against the United States.

Also, a petition of William Paine, praying the renewal of a certificate heretofore granted him for sundry articles furnished a Deputy Quartermaster, for the use of the United States, during the late war, which certificate has been defaced and destroyed.

*Ordered,* That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Seth Harding was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered in the Navy of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered,* That the said petition be referred to Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. Schureman; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Henry Laurens of the State of South Carolina, as guardian to, and in behalf of, his grand-daughter Frances Eleanor Laurens, the orphan daughter of the late Lieutenant Colonel John Laurens, was presented to the House and read, praying that interest may be granted on an allowance made by a resolution of the late Congress, for the services and expenses of the said John Laurens, on an embassy to France.

*Ordered,* That the said petition be referred to Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, Mr. Gerry, and Mr. Carroll; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Attorney General, accompanying his report on such matters relative to the administration of justice under the au-



thority of the United States, as may require to be remedied; and also such provisions in the respective cases as he deems advisable, made pursuant to an order of this House of the fifth of August last; which were read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday se'nnight.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Shubael Swain; which was received, and read the first time.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and agreed to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1791.

A bill for the relief of Shubael Swain was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The petitions of Joseph Hugg and William Reynolds were presented to the House and read, respectively praying relief in consideration of wounds and injuries received in the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, as follows:

UNITED STATES, *January 3d*, 1791.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:*

I lay before you a copy of an exemplified copy of an act passed by the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, for vesting in the United States of America the jurisdiction of a lot of land at Sandy Hook, in the county of Monmouth; and a copy of the letter which accompanied said act, from the Governor of the State of New Jersey, to the President of the United States.

G. WASHINGTON.

The papers referred to in the said message were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions agreed to on Friday last, by the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and made some progress therein.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 4.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Shubael Swain was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Shubael Swain."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of sundry freeholders of the counties of Albany and Washington, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, representing that the pension granted by an act of the last session to John Younglove, as a disabled major in Colonel Van Voert's regiment of New York Militia, during the late war, was obtained by misrepresentation, and praying that the said act, so far as respects the said John Younglove, may be repealed.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Sturges, Mr. Van Rensselaer, and Mr. Thatcher; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resumed the consideration of the resolutions agreed to on Friday last by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and the said resolutions, being severally read at the Clerk's table, were amended and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

"*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee that it is expedient that a General Land Office be established and opened at the seat of the Government of the United States.



That two subordinate Land offices be established and opened; one in the Government Northwest of the Ohio, and the other in the Government South of the Ohio.

That all contracts for the sale of land above the quantity of ——— acres, shall be exclusively made at the General Land Office.

That no land shall be sold, except such in respect to which the titles of the Indian tribes shall have been previously extinguished.

That the seven ranges already surveyed, be sold in lots as laid out.

That any quantities may be sold by special contract comprehended either within natural boundaries or lines, or both; but no survey shall in any case be made on a river, but in the proportion of ——— chains back from such river for every chain along the bank thereof.

That the price shall be thirty cents per acre.

That warrants for military services be put on the same footing with warrants issuing from the Land Office; and that the exclusive right of locating the same in Districts set apart for the army, cease after the ——— day of ———.

That no credit shall be given for any quantity less than a township of six miles square, nor more than two years credit for any quantity.

That in every instance of credit, at least one quarter part of the consideration shall be paid down, and security, other than the land itself, shall be required for the residue. And that no title shall be given for any tract or part of a purchase, beyond the quantity for which the consideration shall be actually paid.

That the ——— of each subordinate office shall have the management of all sales, and the issuing of warrants for all locations in the tracts to be set apart for the accommodation of individual settlers, subject to the superintendency of the ——— of the General Land Office, who may also commit to them the management of any other sales or locations, which it may be found expedient to place under their direction.

That preference be given, for a limited time, to those actual settlers, whose titles are not secured by the former Governments of that country, and the existing ordinances and acts of Congress.

That there shall be a Surveyor General, who shall have power to appoint a Deputy Surveyor General in each of the Western Governments, and a competent number of Deputy Surveyors, to execute in person all warrants to them directed by the Surveyor General, or the Deputy Surveyor Generals, within certain Districts to be assigned to them respectively. That the Surveyor General shall also have in charge all the duties committed to the Geographer General by the several resolutions of Congress.

That all warrants issued at the General Land Office shall be signed by ——— and shall be directed to the Surveyor General. That all warrants issued at a subordinate office, shall be signed by ——— and shall be directed to the Deputy Surveyor General within the Government. That the priority of locations upon warrants shall be determined by the times of the applications to the Deputy Surveyors: and in case of two applications for the same land at one time, the priority may be determined by lot.

That the Treasurer of the United States shall be the Receiver of all payments for sales made at the General Land Office, and may also receive deposits of money for purchases intended to be made at the subordinate offices; his receipt or certificate for which shall be received in payments at those offices.

That the Secretary of each of the Western Governments shall be the Receiver of all payments arising from sales at the office of such Government.

That controversies concerning rights to patents or grants of land, shall be determined by the ——— of that office under whose immediate direction or jurisdiction the locations, in respect to which they may arise, shall have been made.

That the ——— of the General Land Office, Surveyor General, Deputy Surveyor General, and the ——— of the Land Office in each of the Western Governments, shall not purchase, nor shall others purchase for them in trust, any public lands.

That the Secretaries of the Western Governments shall give security for the faithful execution of their duty as Receivers of the Land Office.

That all patents shall be signed by the President of the United States, and shall be recorded in the office of the Secretary of State.

That all officers, acting under the laws establishing the Land Office, shall make oath or affirmation faithfully to discharge their respective duties, previously to their entering upon the execution thereof.

That all surveys of land shall be at the expense of the purchasers or grantees.

That the fees shall not exceed certain rates, to be specified in the law; affording equitable compensations for the services of Surveyors, and establishing reasonable and customary charges for patents and other office papers, for the benefit of the United States.



That the ——— of the General Land Office shall, as soon as may be, from time to time, cause all the rules and regulations which they may establish to be published in one gazette at least, in each State, and in each of the Western Governments where there is a gazette, for the information of the citizens of the United States."

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions; and that Mr. White, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Bloodworth, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several petitions of Andrew Colton and Lydia his wife, Joseph Anderson, and Ebenezer A. Smith, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered, supplies furnished, or injuries sustained, in the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States, presented an amendatory bill; which was received and read the first time.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying a statement of accounts for the receipts and expenditures of the public moneys, from the first of July to the thirtieth of September last, inclusive; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5.

An amendatory bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform Militia throughout the United States, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on this day se'nnight.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the unlading of ships or vessels, in cases of obstruction by the ice." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill "repealing, after the last day of ——— next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A petition of Patrick Colvin was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for losses and injuries in his property sustained by the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Several petitions of the Baptist Associations of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont, were presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will adopt measures to prevent the publication of any inaccurate editions of the Holy Bible.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 6.

A petition of Jacob Philips was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed the amount of certain advances of money, which he made for supplies furnished for the use of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of William Cook was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal of certain Loan Office certificates issued by the Loan Office of Pennsylvania, which, being the property of the petitioner, have been lost or stolen from his possession.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.



The several petitions of John Post, John M. Charlesworth, Nathan Davis, and Donald M'Donald, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered, supplies furnished, or injuries sustained, in the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Madison, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Churchman, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to continue the act, entitled 'An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations;'" with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill repealing, after the last day of ——— next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing an abstract return of the amount of tonnage in the United States, and of the duties arising thereon, between the first day of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, and the thirtieth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating such farther appropriations of money as will be necessary for the support of civil Government for the current year; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to provide for the unlading of ships or vessels in cases of obstruction by ice," and found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to inform this House that the Senate have rejected the bill sent for their concurrence, entitled "An act for the relief of Shubael Swain." And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 7.

A petition of Simeon Noes, was presented to the House and read, praying relief as a disabled soldier in the service of the United States during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of William Simmons was presented to the House and read, praying an augmentation of his salary, as principal Clerk in the office of the Auditor of the Treasury.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to continue an act, entitled 'An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations:'" Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Sherman, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for establishing the post office and post roads of the United States; which was received and read the first time.



On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday se'nnight.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill directing the mode in which the evidences of the debt of the United States, which have been or may be lost or destroyed, shall be renewed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to provide for the unlading of ships or vessels, in cases of obstruction by ice."

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering abstract returns of the amount of duties on imports into the United States; one exhibiting the sum received from the commencement of the operation of the impost act to the thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine; and the other showing, as far as the returns have been transmitted, the sum received for one year following that day; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, entitled "An act to provide for the unlading of ships or vessels, in cases of obstruction by ice."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 10.

The petitions of Lawrance Allman, and Anthony Musgenug, attorney for Nicholas Haugendobler, were presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered to the United States during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill directing in what manner the evidences of the debt of the United States, which have been or may be lost or destroyed, shall be renewed; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, as amended, be recommitted to Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Clymer, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Sturges.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill declaring the officer who, in case of vacancies both in the offices of President and Vice President of the United States, shall act as President; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to continue an act, entitled 'An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,' so far as the same respects the States of Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to prevent invalids, who are pensioners of the United States, from selling or transferring their respective pensions before the same shall become due, and that Mr. Williamson, Mr. Bourn, and Mr. Griffin, be of the said committee.



Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to continue an act, entitled 'An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,' so far as the same respects the States of Georgia and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations."

A petition of the Inspectors for the Port of Philadelphia was presented to the House and read, praying an augmentation of the allowances granted by law for their services.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, entitled "An act to continue an act, entitled 'An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,' so far as the same respects the States of Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 11.

A petition of John Haverd, and others, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for losses and injuries sustained by the Army of the United States during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The petitions of sundry merchants, and others, of the towns of Fayetteville and Wilmington, in the State of North Carolina, were presented to the House and read, praying that the District and Circuit Courts of the said State may be held alternately at the said town of Fayetteville, and at Newbern.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. Jackson, Mr. Burke, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Giles, and Mr. Moore; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill repealing, after the last day of ——— next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the Committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for granting lands to the inhabitants and settlers at Vincennes and the Illinois country, in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and for confirming them in their possessions;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for granting lands to the inhabitants and settlers at Vincennes and the Illinois country, in the territory Northwest of the Ohio and for confirming them in their possessions," was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The several petitions of Caleb Chadwick, Abner Pier, Jabez Hill, Job Priest, Nathaniel Alexander, Wardwell Green, James Easton, John Chadwick, and Patrick M'Laughlen, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered, supplies furnished, or injuries sustained, in the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Joshua Barney was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed certain expenses, and also the commutation of half pay, for services as Captain in the Navy of the United States, during the late war.

Also, a memorial of sundry Officers in the late Navy of the State of Pennsylvania, praying compensation for services rendered during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition and memorial be referred to Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Goodhue, and Mr. Cadwalader; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of the Tradesmen employed in the various arts of constructing, repairing, fitting, equipping, and furnishing ships and vessels, in and near the Port of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that an act of Congress may pass, creating a lien upon the body, tackle, apparel, and furniture, of all ships and vessels, while they remain in port, for all repairs and materials furnished by the respective tradesmen employed therein, and giving them a remedy for the same, by admiralty-process in the Circuit and District Courts of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A memorial and remonstrance of the public creditors of the county of Gloucester, in the State of New Jersey, was presented to the House and read, representing the insufficiency of the provision for the public creditors, made by an act passed at the last session of Congress, entitled "An act making provision for the debt of the United States," and praying that a more adequate provision may now be made.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial and remonstrance do lie on the table.

On a motion made and seconded,

*Ordered*, That so much of the standing rules and orders of this House, as directs that "No bill amended by the Senate shall be committed," be rescinded.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker* : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress that a new State be formed within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and admitted into this Union by the name of the State of Kentucky;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill repealing, after the last day of ——— next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported, that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 13.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress that a new State be formed within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and admitted into this Union, by the name of the State of Kentucky," was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill repealing, after the last day of ——— next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be taken into consideration on Monday next.



The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill declaring what officer shall, in case of vacancies, both in the offices of President and Vice President of the United States, act as President; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill declaring the respective times when the Electors to vote for a President of the United States shall be appointed or chosen, and shall give their votes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

On a motion made and seconded, "That a committee be appointed to consider and report whether any, and what, farther compensation is necessary to be made to the Commissioners of Loans, to defray the extraordinary expense occasioned to them, in the first instance, in the execution of the act making farther provision for the debt of the United States:"

*Ordered*, That the said motion be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Bourn be added to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills concerning the trade and navigation of the United States.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 14.

A petition of Joseph Wheaton, late an officer in the continental Army, was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed the amount of a judgment obtained against him in the State of Rhode Island for a quantity of forage impressed for the Army of the United States during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Andrew Brown was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will adopt some mode of authenticating a new edition of the Laws of the United States, which he is now about to publish.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. White, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to establish offices for the purpose of granting lands within the Territories of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

A petition of Thomas Boyd was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received whilst a soldier in the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry officers of the Navy of the State of Pennsylvania, made a report; which was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

"That it will not be advisable to grant the prayer of the petitioners, and, therefore, that they have leave to withdraw their petition."

On motion,

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to authorize the President of the United States to cause the debt due to foreign officers, the interest whereof is now payable in Paris, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, to be paid and discharged; and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Benson, and Mr. Sevier, be of the said committee.

A Member from Virginia presented to the House a memorial from the General Assembly of that State, stating certain objections to the act passed at the last Session of Con-

gress, entitled "An act making provision for the debts of the United States;" which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill declaring the respective times when the Electors to vote for a President of the United States shall be appointed or chosen, and shall give their votes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 17.

*Ordered*, That the petition of Andrew Brown, which was presented on Friday last, be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Another Member, to wit: George Gale, from Maryland, appeared and took his seat in the House.

A memorial of George Glentworth was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered as senior Physician and Surgeon General of the General Hospital of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Ebenezer Nash, praying relief in consideration of wounds received whilst a soldier in the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Daniel Ellis and John How, executors of Samuel How, late of the city of Burlington, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying to receive payment for a quantity of pork which was impressed from the said Samuel How, for the use of the Army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Israel Jones, in behalf of Joshua Ashbridge, praying compensation for sundry articles impressed from the said Joshua Ashbridge, for the use of the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Donald Campbell was presented to the House and read, praying a liquidation and payment of certain claims against the United States.

And on the question, that the said petition be referred to the consideration of a committee,

It passed in the negative.

*Resolved*, That the said petition be rejected.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, as followeth :

UNITED STATES, January 17, 1791.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :*

I lay before you an official statement of the appropriation of ten thousand dollars, granted to defray the contingent expenses of Government, by an act of the twenty-sixth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

A copy of two resolutions of the Legislature of Virginia, and of a petition of sundry officers, and assignees of officers and soldiers of the Virginia Line, on Continental Establishment, on the subject of bounty lands allotted to them on the Northwest side of the Ohio; and a copy of an act of the Legislature of Maryland, to empower the Wardens of the port of Baltimore to levy and collect the duty therein mentioned.

G. WASHINGTON.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on Thursday last, to the bill repealing, after the last day of ——— next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare: And the said amendments being twice read, at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to.



A motion was then made, and the question being put, further to amend the said bill, by striking out the thirteenth section thereof, in the words following, to wit :

*“ And be it further enacted, That, upon all spirits which, after the said last day of ——— next, shall be distilled within the United States, from any article of the growth or production of the United States, in any city, town, or village, there shall be paid for their use the duties following; that is to say:*

*“ For every gallon of those spirits more than ten per cent. below proof, according to Dicas’s hydrometer, nine cents.*

*“ For every gallon of those spirits under five, and not more than ten per cent. below proof, according to the same hydrometer, ten cents.*

*“ For every gallon of those spirits of proof, and not more than five per cent. below proof, according to the same hydrometer, eleven cents.*

*“ For every gallon of those spirits above proof, but not exceeding twenty per cent. according to the same hydrometer, thirteen cents.*

*“ For every gallon of those spirits more than twenty and not more than forty per cent. above proof, according to the same hydrometer, seventeen cents.*

*“ For every gallon of those spirits more than forty per cent. above proof, according to the same hydrometer, twenty-five cents.”*

It passed in the negative, { Ayes ..... 16,  
  { Noes ..... 36.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Abraham Baldwin,  
Timothy Bloodworth,  
John Brown,  
Edanus Burke,  
Daniel Heister,  
James Jackson,  
George Mathews,  
Andrew Moore,

Peter Muhlenberg,  
Josiah Parker,  
Thomas Scott,  
John Sevier,  
John Steele,  
Michael Jenifer Stone,  
Thomas Tudor Tucker, and  
Hugh Williamson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,  
Egbert Benson,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Benjamin Bourn,  
Lambert Cadwalader,  
George Clymer,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
William Floyd,  
Abiel Foster,  
Nicholas Gilman,  
Benjamin Goodhue,  
Samuel Griffin,  
Jonathan Grout,  
William B. Giles,  
John Lawrance,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
George Leonard,  
Samuel Livermore,

James Madison, junior,  
George Partridge,  
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,  
James Schureman,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
Joshua Seney,  
Roger Sherman,  
Peter Silvester,  
Thomas Sinnickson,  
William Smith, of Maryland,  
William Smith, of South Carolina,  
Jonathan Sturges,  
George Thatcher,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
John Vining,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth,  
Alexander White, and  
Henry Wynkoop.

The House proceeded further to consider the said bill; and an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o’clock.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 18.

The several papers referred to in the President’s message of yesterday were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

*Ordered,* That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for declaring the assent of Congress to a certain act of the State of Maryland; and that Mr. Seney, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, and Mr. Mathews, be of the said committee.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, covering a

postscript to his former report on the subject of the coins, weights, and measures, of the United States; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House his opinion whether any, and what, further compensation ought to be made to the respective officers employed in the collection of the revenue.

A memorial of sundry inhabitants of the State of Connecticut was presented to the House and read, praying that foreign vessels may not be allowed to participate in the coasting trade, or to go to other ports than those specially permitted by law, except in cases of distress.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for registering ships or vessels, for regulating those employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and for other purposes; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Margaret Fisher, administratrix of Henry Fisher, late of Sussex county, in the State of Delaware, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that a claim against the United States, for sundry expenditures and services of the deceased, during the late war, may be liquidated and allowed.

*Ordered*, That the said petition, together with the petition of the Inspectors of the port of Philadelphia, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The several petitions of Samuel Kearsley, John Cardiff, and Michael Gabriel Houdin, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Charles Collins was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered in the Navy of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Seney, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill declaring the assent of Congress to a certain act of the State of Maryland; which was received, and read the first time.

The House resumed the further consideration of the bill, repealing, after the last day of ——— next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare; and, after some debate thereon, an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19.

A bill to declare the assent of Congress to a certain act of the State of Maryland, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the President of the United States to cause the debt due to foreign officers to be paid and discharged; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A petition of the Baptist Stonington Association was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will adopt measures to prevent the publication of any inaccurate editions of the Holy Bible.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of James Latham was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of the loss of his left arm in the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of William Dewees was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for losses and injuries sustained in the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,



A petition of Richard Blackledge, praying compensation for a quantity of coffee and sugar supplied to the troops of the late North Carolina Line and militia in Continental service.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of sundry Surgeons and Mates in the Medical Department of the late Army, was presented to the House and read, praying a farther compensation for their services, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Richard Blackledge, praying compensation for a quantity of leather furnished for the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Joshua Barney, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill repealing, after the last day of ——— next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare; and, after farther debate thereon, an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 20.

A memorial of the merchants of Philadelphia, trading to India and China, was presented to the House and read, praying that an additional duty may be laid upon goods imported from thence in foreign bottoms; and also on articles the growth and produce of India or China, which are imported from Europe either in American or foreign bottoms. Also,

A petition of Robert Neill, praying relief against the determination of the Auditor and Comptroller of the Treasury on a claim which he has exhibited against the United States. Also,

A petition of Comfort Sands and others, praying that the proceedings of the former Congress upon a claim of the petitioners against the United States, may now be confirmed, and payment of the said claim granted to them.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial and petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary.

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And he delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed, to join a committee of the Senate, to consider what time will be proper for the commencement of the next Congress; to the end that timely notice may be given to the members who are to serve for the ensuing two years :

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Tucker, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Partridge.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill repealing, after the last day of ——— next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare; and, having made some additional amendments thereto, an adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 21.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

A petition of William C. Webb and Conyers White was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for a number of beef cattle, which were supplied to a Commissary of the Southern Army, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Williamson, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to prevent invalids, who are pensioners of the United States, from selling or transferring their respective pensions before the same shall become due; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills making provision for the compensations to inspectors and officers of Inspection, to be appointed to collect the duties imposed on distilled spirits, and to secure the collection thereof; and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Lawrance, be of the said committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, jointly, with the committee appointed on the part of this House, to consider and report what time it will be proper the next Congress should commence. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill repealing, after the last day of — next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare: Whereupon,

A motion being made and seconded, further to amend the said bill, by inserting the following clause:

*“And be it further enacted*, That if any inspector, or other officer or person concerned in the collection of the revenue to be raised by this act, shall, by word, message, or writing, or in any other manner whatsoever, persuade or endeavor to persuade any elector to give, or dissuade, or endeavor to dissuade, any elector from giving his vote for the choice of any person to be a member of the House of Representatives, member of the Senate, or President of the United States, such inspector, or other person, so offending, shall be forever disabled from holding an office under this act, and shall be subject to a penalty of — dollars:”

It passed in the negative { Ayes ..... 21,  
  { Noes ..... 37,

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
Timothy Bloodworth,  
John Brown,  
Edanus Burke,  
William Floyd,  
Elbridge Gerry,  
Jonathan Grout,  
John Hathorn,  
Daniel Heister,  
James Jackson,

Samuel Livermore,  
George Mathews,  
Andrew Moore,  
Josiah Parker,  
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,  
Joshua Seney,  
Peter Silvester,  
Michael Jenifer Stone,  
Thomas Tudor Tucker, and  
Alexander White.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,  
Egbert Benson,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Benjamin Bourn,  
Lambert Cadwalader,  
Daniel Carroll,  
George Clymer,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
Abiel Foster,  
George Gale,

Nicholas Gilman,  
Benjamin Goodhue,  
Samuel Griffin,  
William B. Giles,  
Thomas Hartley,  
Benjamin Huntington  
John Lawrance,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
George Leonard,  
James Madison, Jr.



Peter Muhlenberg,  
James Schureman,  
Thomas Scott,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
John Sevier,  
Roger Sherman,  
Thomas Sinnickson,  
William Smith, *of Maryland*,  
William Smith, *of South Carolina*.

John Steele,  
Jonathan Sturges,  
George Thatcher,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
John Vining,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth,  
Hugh Williamson, and  
Henry Wynkoop.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table; and an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22.

Mr. Lawrance, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Seth Harding, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill repealing, after the last day of ——— next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare; and several propositions of amendment thereto being offered, and debate arising thereon, an adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 24.

A petition of Peter Johnson was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received in the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of John Cockley, praying that a bounty of lands may be granted him for military services in the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of William Lane was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for damages sustained in his property by the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of George Gibon was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered to the United States, during the late war, in various stations.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Giles, Mr. Vining, Mr. Peter Muhlenberg, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. Wadsworth; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, *January 24th*, 1791.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:*

In execution of the powers with which Congress were pleased to invest me by their act, entitled "An act for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the Government of the United States," and on mature consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of the several positions, within the limits prescribed by the said act, I have, by a proclamation, bearing date this day, a copy of which is herewith transmitted, directed commissioners, appointed in pursuance of the act to survey and limit a part of the territory of ten miles square, on both sides the river Potomac, so as to comprehend Georgetown, in Maryland, and to extend to the Eastern Branch.

I have not, by this first act, given to the said territory the whole extent of which it is susceptible, in the direction of the river; because I thought it important that Congress should have an opportunity of considering whether, by an amendatory law, they would

authorize the location of the residue at the lower end of the present, so as to comprehend the Eastern Branch itself and some of the country on its lower side, in the State of Maryland, and the town of Alexandria, in Virginia; if, however, they are of opinion that the Federal Territory should be bounded by the water edge of the Eastern Branch, the location of the residue will be to be made at the upper end of what is now directed.

I have thought best to await a survey of the territory, before it is decided on what particular spot on the Northeastern side of the river the public buildings shall be erected.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The proclamation referred to in the said message was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The petition and remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia was presented to the House and read, stating their objections to the principles of excise laws in general, and praying that no such law may be passed or sanctioned by the General Government.

*Ordered,* That the said petition and remonstrance do lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill repealing, after the last day of ——— next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, as well to discourage the excessive use of those spirits, and promote agriculture, as to provide for the support of the public credit, and for the common defence and general welfare: Whereupon,

The said bill was further amended at the Clerk's table; and the following section, which was offered on Saturday last, to be added to the said bill by way of amendment, to wit:

*"And be it further enacted,* That the several duties imposed by this act, shall continue to be collected and paid, until the debts and purposes for which they are pledged and appropriated, shall be fully discharged and satisfied, and no longer," being under debate,

A motion was made, and the question being put, to amend the same, by striking out from the word "paid," to the end thereof, and inserting, in lieu thereof, the following words:

*"Until the ——— day of ——— in the year ——— and until the end of the next session of Congress, and no longer, the faith of the United States being hereby pledged that timely and adequate provision shall be made for the full accomplishment of all the purposes for which the moneys arising under the operation of this act, are pledged and appropriated,"*

It passed in the negative, { Ayes .....19,  
  { Noes .....39.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
Timothy Bloodworth,  
John Brown,  
Edanus Burke,  
William B. Giles,  
Thomas Hartley,  
Daniel Heister,  
James Jackson,  
George Mathews,

Andrew Moore,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Josiah Parker,  
Thomas Scott,  
Joshua Seney  
John Sevier,  
John Steel,  
Thomas Tudor Tucker, and  
Hugh Williamson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,  
Egbert Benson,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Benjamin Bourn,  
Lambert Cadwalader,  
George Clymer,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
William Floyd,

Abiel Foster,  
George Gale,  
Elbridge Gerry,  
Nicholas Gilman,  
Benjamin Goodhue,  
Samuel Griffin,  
Jonathan Grout,  
John Hathorn,





William Floyd,  
Abiel Foster,  
George Gale,  
Elbridge Gerry,  
Nicholas Gilman,  
Benjamin Goodhue,  
Jonathan Grout,  
Benjamin Huntington,  
John Lawrance,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
George Leonard,  
Samuel Livermore,  
James Madison, junior,  
George Partridge,

James Schureman,  
Thomas Scott,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
Roger Sherman,  
Peter Silvester,  
Thomas Sinnickson,  
Jonathan Sturges,  
George Thatcher,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
John Vining,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth,  
Alexander White, and  
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
Timothy Bloodworth,  
John Brown,  
Edanus Burke,  
Samuel Griffin,  
William B. Giles,  
Thomas Hartley,  
John Hathorn,  
Daniel Heister,

James Jackson,  
George Mathews,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Josiah Parker,  
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,  
Joshua Seney,  
John Sevier,  
John Steele,  
Michael Jenifer Stone, and  
Thomas Tudor Tucker.

*Ordered*, That Thursday next be assigned for the third reading of the said bill.

Mr. Tucker, from the committee "appointed to confer with a committee of the Senate, respecting the time for the commencement of the next session of Congress," made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill providing compensations for inspectors, and other officers of inspection, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

An amendatory bill "directing the mode in which the evidences of the debt of the United States, which have been, or may be, lost or destroyed, shall be renewed," was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday se'nnight.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, January 26, 1791.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:*

I lay before you the copy of a letter from the President of the National Assembly of France, to the President of the United States, and of a decree of that Assembly, which was transmitted with the above-mentioned letter.

G. WASHINGTON.

The papers referred to in the said message were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of the Inspectors of the District of Baltimore was presented to the House and read, praying farther compensation for their services: Also,

A petition of John Crumpton, of the State of New York, praying compensation for thirty hogs, which were taken from him, for the use of the Army, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Albert Roux, late a Captain in the second Continental Regiment of South Carolina, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received in the service of the United States, during the late war.



*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for making compensation to widows, orphans, and invalids, in certain cases; and that Mr. Smith, (of South Carolina,) Mr. Stone, and Mr. Trumbull, be of the said committee.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills making appropriations for the service of the current year; and that Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Clymer, and Mr. Boudinot, be of the said committee.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom were referred the petitions of the merchants of Wilmington and Fayetteville, in the State of North Carolina; and the said report, being twice read at the Clerk's table, was agreed to, as followeth:

*Resolved*, That a bill or bills ought to be brought in, to repeal so much of the act, entitled "An act for giving effect to an act, entitled 'An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States, within the State of North Carolina,'" as relates to the holding the stated District and Circuit Courts at the town of Newbern only.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 27.

A bill providing compensation for inspectors, and other officers of inspection, and for other purposes, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday se'nnight.

A memorial of the People called Quakers, in New England, was presented to the House and read, stating their objections to certain provisions of a bill, now depending, entitled "A bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform Militia throughout the United States."

*Ordered*, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

The several petitions of Ezekiel Johnston, William Dale, Joel Phelps, and Timothy Lane, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Levy Bartleson was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for supplies furnished for the use of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, as followeth:

UNITED STATES, January 27th, 1791.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:*

In order that you may be fully informed of the situation of the frontiers, and the prospect of hostility in that quarter, I lay before you the intelligence of some recent depredations, received since my message to you, upon this subject, of the twenty-fourth instant.

G. WASHINGTON.

The papers referred to in the said message were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Ames, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Vining, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williamson, and Mr. Jackson.

A memorial of the Boston Marine Society, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will establish three Marine Hospitals in the United States, for the care and support of disabled seamen; one for the Southern, one for the Middle, and one for the Eastern States.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act concerning consuls and vice consuls," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And he delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

An engrossed bill repealing, after the last day of ——— next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits, imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Ayes ..... 35.  
{ Noes ..... 21.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

George Leonard,  
Samuel Livermore,  
James Madison, junior,  
George Partridge,  
James Schureman,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
Roger Sherman,  
Peter Silvester,  
Thomas Sinnickson,  
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,  
Jonathan Sturges,  
George Thatcher,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
John Vining,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth,  
Alexander White, and  
Henry Wynkoop.

John Baptist Ashe,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
Timothy Bloodworth,  
John Brown,  
Edanus Burke,  
William B. Giles,  
Thomas Hartley,  
John Hathorn,  
Daniel Heister,  
James Jackson,  
George Mathews,

Andrew Moore,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Josiah Parker,  
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,  
Joshua Scney,  
William Smith, *of Maryland*,  
John Steele,  
Michael Jenifer Stone,  
Thomas Tudor Tucker, and  
Hugh Williamson.

*Resolved*, That the title of the said bill be, "An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits, imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow. And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 28.**

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning consuls and vice consuls," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

A petition of the public creditors, holding Loan-Office certificates for money lent the United States to carry on the late war, was presented to the House and read, representing the insufficiency of the provision for the public creditors, made by an act of the last session of Congress, entitled "An act making provision for the debt of the United States," and praying that a more adequate provision may now be made.

**Ordered,** That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, (of South Carolina,) from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Laurens, in behalf of the orphan daughter of the late Colonel John Laurens, made a report: which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.



A petition of the Inspectors of the State of New York was presented to the House and read, praying an increase of the compensation allowed by law for their services.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Sturges, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of the Freeholders of the Counties of Albany and Washington, in the State of New York, respecting the pension granted to John Younglove, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of George Gibson, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Churchman: Whereupon,

A motion being made and seconded "That the petition of the said John Churchman be complied with, so far as to enable him to make a voyage to Baffin's Bay, for ascertaining his discoveries relating to the magnetic circles;"

It passed in the negative.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, to increase the penalties provided by the act for the encouragement of learning, &c. so far as the said penalties apply to maps and charts, and to books of calculation; and that Mr. Huntington, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Heister, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress that a new State be formed within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and admitted into this Union, by the name of the State of Kentucky;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

On motion,

The said bill was read the third time; and the question being put, that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report on the subject of the establishment of a Mint, made pursuant to an order of the House of the fifteenth of April last; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee appointed to confer with a committee of the Senate, respecting the time for the commencement of the next session of Congress: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the said report, in the words following, to wit:

That it is the opinion of the Joint Committee that a revenue bill may be passed, and such other business, as is of immediate importance, accomplished, before the fourth day of March next, and that it will, therefore, not be necessary that the new session should commence immediately thereafter.

That the Joint Committee are also of opinion that a bill should pass to alter the next annual meeting of Congress to an earlier day than that expressed in the Constitution.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said report; and that Mr. Tucker, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Partridge, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill declaring the assent of Congress to a certain act of the State of Maryland; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 31.

Another member, to wit: Benjamin Contee, from Maryland, appeared and took his seat in the House.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had, according to order, examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress that a new State be formed within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and admitted into the Union, by the name of the State of Kentucky," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

An engrossed bill to declare the assent of Congress to a certain act of the State of Maryland was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act declaring the consent of Congress to a certain act of the State of Maryland."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Lawrance, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of Government during the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and for other purposes; which was received and read the first time.

A petition of Thomas Hobby was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for establishing the Post Office and Post Roads of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

A bill making appropriations for the support of Government for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," was read the third time.

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said bill be re-committed to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House,

It passed in the negative, { Ayes ..... 23,  
  { Noes ..... 34.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
Timothy Bloodworth,  
Benjamin Bourn,  
John Brown,  
Edanus Burke,  
Daniel Carroll,  
Benjamin Contee,  
George Gale,  
Jonathan Groat,  
William B. Giles,  
James Jackson,

Richard Bland Lee,  
James Madison, junior,  
George Mathews,  
Andrew Moore,  
Josiah Parker,  
William Smith, of Maryland,  
William Smith, of South Carolina,  
Michael Jenifer Stone,  
Thomas Tudor Tucker,  
Alexander White, and  
Hugh Williamson.



Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,  
Egbert Benson,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Lambert Cadwalader,  
George Clymer,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
William Floyd,  
Abiel Foster,  
Elbridge Gerry,  
Nicholas Gilman,  
Benjamin Goodhue,  
Thomas Hartley,  
John Hathorn,  
Daniel Heister,  
Benjamin Huntington,  
John Lawrance,  
George Leonard,

Samuel Livermore,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
George Partridge,  
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,  
James Schureman,  
Thomas Scott,  
Joshua Seney,  
Roger Sherman,  
Peter Silvester,  
Thomas Sinnickson,  
John Steele,  
Jonathan Sturges,  
George Thatcher,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
John Vining,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and  
Henry Wynkoop.

*Ordered*, That the said bill do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

A petition of Gosuinus Erkelens was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered to the United States during the late war. Also,

A petition of John Edgar, of Kaskaskias Village, in the Illinois country, praying the settlement of a claim against the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The several petitions of Daniel Lollar, Samuel Sheppard, Robert King, and Cornelius Vanslyck, Agent and Attorney, in fact, for sundry officers in the late Army, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received, and injuries sustained, in the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled, "An act declaring the consent of Congress to a certain act of the State of Maryland." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress that a new State be formed within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and admitted into the Union, by the name of the State of Kentucky."

The House resumed the consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States;" upon the question that the said bill do pass, and some time being spent in debate thereon, an adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

The petitions of Francis Shaffner and James Swain were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered to the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Anna Emmerson, widow of Oliver Emmerson, deceased, who died in the service of the United States, during the late war, praying some provision for her support.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of sundry widows, who are creditors of the United States, for money loaned during the late war, was presented to the House and read, praying that a more adequate provision may be made for the payment of their respective claims.





George Partridge,  
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,  
James Schureman,  
Thomas Scott,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
Joshua Seney,  
Roger Sherman,  
Peter Silvester,

Thomas Sinnickson,  
William Smith, of *Maryland*,  
Jonathan Sturges,  
George Thatcher,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
John Vining,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and  
Henry Wynkoop.

After which, further debate arising on the said bill, an adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

A petition of Andrew Ohe, was presented to the House and read, praying the settlement of a claim against the United States. Also,

A petition of John Hollins, praying an abatement of the additional duties, which took place the first of January last, arising on a cargo imported in a vessel, which, although she arrived before that period, was prevented by the ice from getting to her port of entry till some time after.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, to whom was referred, on the ninth of August last, the representation of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, respecting the whale and cod fisheries, accompanying his report on that subject; which was read, and ordered to be sent to the Senate for their information.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States." On the question that the said bill do pass; and after farther debate thereon, an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

A petition of James Norris was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered to the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Isaac Vincent, praying relief in consideration of a wound received in the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Abraham Skinner was presented to the House and read, praying to be reimbursed for moneys advanced whilst Commissary General of prisoners, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills further to continue in force an act passed the first session of Congress, entitled "An act to regulate civil processes in the Courts of the United States."

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Sturges, and Mr. Contee.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the establishment of a mint, which was made to this House on Friday the-twenty-eighth ultimo, be sent to the Senate for their information.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States:" Upon the question that the said bill do pass, and further debates arising thereon; after some time spent therein, an adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of State, on the petition of Andrew Brown; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Benoni Shipman was presented to the House and read, praying to receive compensation for a number of guns and warlike implements which he purchased for the use of the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. White, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to amend an act, entitled "An act so promote the progress of useful arts;" which was received and read the first time.

A petition of sundry merchants and others, of the town of New Bedford, in the County of Bristol, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that a weekly post may be established by law from Boston, through Taunton, to the said town of New Bedford.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the memorial of the public creditors holding Loan Office certificates, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Sherman, Mr. Gerry, Mr. Heister, Mr. Benson, and Mr. Gale; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States." Upon the question that the said bill do pass; and after farther debate thereon, an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act delaring the consent of Congress to a certain act of the State of Maryland," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to promote the progress of useful arts," was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Saturday next.

The petitions of Charles Lockman and Sylvester Springer were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered as Surgeon's Mates in the Hospital Department of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Peter Sheffner, praying to be placed on the list of Pensioners, as a disabled Lieutenant in the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

*Ordered*, That the petition of the Marine Society of Boston, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the next session of Congress.

Mr. Tucker, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to alter the time of the next meeting of Congress; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and for other purposes." And then he withdrew.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of War be discharged from considering the petition of Richard Blackledge, which was referred to him on the nineteenth of January last; and that the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.





Lambert Cadwalader,  
George Clymer,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
William Floyd,  
Abiel Foster,  
Elbridge Gerry,  
Nicholas Gilman,  
Benjamin Goodhue,  
Thomas Hartley,  
John Hathorn,  
Daniel Heister,  
Benjamin Huntington,  
John Lawrance,  
George Leonard,  
Samuel Livermore,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
George Partridge,  
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,

James Schureman,  
Thomas Scott,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
Joshua Seney,  
Johu Seiver,  
Roger Sherman,  
Peter Silvester,  
Thomas Sinnickson,  
William Smith, *of Maryland*,  
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,  
John Steele,  
Jonathan Sturges,  
George Thatcher,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
John Vining,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and  
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
Timothy Bloodworth,  
John Brown,  
Edanus Burke,  
Daniel Carroll,  
Benjamin Contee,  
George Gale,  
Jonathan Grout,  
William B. Giles,

James Jackson,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
James Madison, junior,  
George Mathews,  
Andrew Moore,  
Josiah Parker,  
Michael Jenifer Stone,  
Thomas Tudor Tucker,  
Alexander White, and  
Hugh Williamson.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.  
The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.  
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress to a certain act of the State of Maryland."

The said messenger also delivered in a written message from the President, in the words following, to wit:

UNITED STATES, *February 9th*, 1791.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:*

I have received from the Governor of Vermont, authentic documents, expressing the consent of the Legislatures of New York and of the Territory of Vermont that the said Territory shall be admitted to be a distinct member of our Union, and a memorial of Nathaniel Chipman and Lewis R. Morris, commissioners from the said Territory, praying the consent of Congress to that admission, by the name and style of the State of Vermont; copies of which I now lay before Congress, with whom the Constitution has vested the object of these proceedings.

G. WASHINGTON.

*Ordered*, That the said written message, together with the papers accompanying the same, be referred to Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Boudinot, and Mr. Carroll.

Mr. Huntington, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for increasing the penalty contained in an act passed the second session of Congress, entitled "An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned;" which was received, and read the first time.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force, for a limited time, an act passed at the first session of Congress, entitled "An act to regulate processes in the courts of the United States;" which was received, and read the first time.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support



of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and for other purposes," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of Michael Jackson, late colonel in the eighth Massachusetts regiment, was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received in the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States;" and that Mr. Smith, (of South Carolina,) Mr. Williamson, and Mr. Vining, be of the said committee.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and for other purposes."

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

A bill for increasing the penalty contained in an act passed the second session of Congress, entitled "An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned," was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Saturday next.

A bill to continue, for a limited time, the act regulating processes in the courts of the United States, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A petition and remonstrance of John Fitch, was presented to the House and read, complaining of the injurious operation which the bill now depending before Congress, entitled "A bill to amend the act to promote the progress of useful arts," will have on his interest, should the same be passed into a law.

*Ordered*, That the said petition and remonstrance do lie on the table.

A petition of sundry masters of vessels in the port of Charleston, South Carolina, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will adopt measures to relieve them from the injury they suffer, by the preference given in that place to foreign vessels in the carrying trade.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

On a motion made and seconded, "That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills repealing so much of the act, entitled "An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels, as hath rated the six dollar of Denmark at one hundred cents:"

*Ordered*, That the said motion be committed to Mr. Bourn, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Thatcher.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to establish the Treasury Department;" and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Fitzsimons, and Mr. Ames, be of the said committee.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the President of the United States to cause the debt due to foreign officers to be paid and discharged; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish offices for the purpose of granting lands within the Territory of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Smith, (of South Carolina,) from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States;" which was received, and read the first time.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering his report on the petition of the merchants of Philadelphia, trading to India and China, made pursuant to an order of this House, of the twentieth of January last; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

An engrossed bill to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act to regulate processes in the courts of the United States," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act to regulate processes in the courts of the United States."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill authorizing the President of the United States to cause the debt due to foreign officers to be paid and discharged, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing the President of the United States to cause the debt due to foreign officers to be paid and discharged."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States," was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and for other purposes."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of Ebenezer Fielding was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, as a disabled soldier in the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

The petitions of Francis Proctor and John Henderson, respectively praying compensation for services rendered to the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill providing compensations for clerks, marshals, and jurors; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the bill to establish offices for the purpose of granting lands, within the Territories of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill to alter the time of the meeting of the next session of Congress was read the third time, and the blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to alter the time of the meeting of the next session of Congress."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

*Ordered*, That the petition of the masters of vessels employed in the carrying trade in the port of Charleston, South Carolina, which was presented yesterday, be referred to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to amend the laws concerning the trade and navigation of the United States.



A memorial of Thomas Walley, William Smith, and Joseph Ward, was presented to the House and read, praying that certain bills issued under the authority of the former Congress, of which the petitioners are possessed, the interest whereof was payable in sterling bills of exchange in Europe, may be liquidated, and the arrears of interest paid, or the principal and interest of the said bills funded in like manner with loan office certificates.

*Ordered*, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to report whether any, and what, farther provision is necessary to secure the due accounting for the moneys expended in the Department of War:

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Gilman.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

A petition of Aquila Gilcs, on behalf of sundry inhabitants of Long Island, in the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and payment of certain claims against the United States. Also,

A petition of the gaugers of the city of New York, praying compensation for certain services which they have rendered, and for which no provision hath been made by law. Also,

A petition of Peter Miller, of Vincent Township, Chester county, and State of Pennsylvania, praying compensation for damages sustained in his property, by the Army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

The petitions of the ministers and trustees of the Lutheran church, Pikeland Township, Chester county, and of the wardens of the Calvinist Church, in Vincent Township, Chester county, in the State of Pennsylvania, respectively praying compensation for damages done to their churches, by the Army of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions, together with the petition of the inspectors of New York, which lay on the table, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Ebenezer Stevens, late a lieutenant colonel in the Army of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying that the resolution of the late Congress, of the twenty-eighth of February, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, granting an extra allowance to a certain description of officers of artillery, may be extended to him. Also,

A petition of John Knight, praying compensation for services rendered to the United States, as surgeon's mate, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The petitions of Thomas Barclay, and of Jacob Winey, on behalf of himself and others, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying that depreciation may be allowed on certain paper money payments, made them by order of the late Congress, for the freight and valuation of two ships, the property of the petitioners, which were chartered for public service, and afterwards taken by the enemy.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. Clymer, Mr. Smith (of Maryland,) and Mr. Partridge; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of John Tucker was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his past services and expenses, as clerk to the Supreme Court of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to which is committed the bill providing compensations for clerks, marshals, and jurors.

A petition of David Brubaker, of Lancaster county, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for a quantity of timber, furnished for the purpose of building stockades, huts, &c. for the use of the British prisoners, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills concerning the trade and navigation of the United States be discharged from further proceeding thereon.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of State on the petition of Andrew Brown: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Andrew Brown, or any other printer, be permitted (under the direction of the Secretary of State,) to collate with and correct by the original rolls, the laws, resolutions, and treaties, of the United States, to be by him printed; and that a certificate of their having been so collated and corrected, be annexed to the said edition. *Provided*, That such collation and correction be at the expense of the said Andrew Brown, or such other printer, and that the person or persons to be by him or them employed in that service, be approved by the Secretary of State.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Sherman, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the public creditors holding loan-office certificates for money lent to the United States, between September, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, and March, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering his report on the petition of John Hollins, of the town of Baltimore, referred to him pursuant to an order of this House, of the fourth instant; which was read: Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the admission of the state of Vermont into this Union;" they have also passed a bill, entitled "An act regulating the number of Representatives to be chosen by the States of Kentucky and Vermont;" to which bills they desire the concurrence of this House. I am also directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, on the fourth instant, affix his signature to an act which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress that a new State be formed within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and admitted into this Union, by the name of the State of Kentucky." And then he withdrew.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the admission of the State of Vermont into this Union," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act regulating the number of Representatives to be chosen by the States of Kentucky and Vermont," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill to establish offices for the purpose of granting lands within the Territories of the United States, and made some progress therein.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, as followeth, to wit:

UNITED STATES, *February 14th*, 1791.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives*:

Soon after I was called to the administration of the Government, I found it important to come to an understanding with the court of London, on several points interesting to the United States; and particularly to know whether they were disposed to enter into arrangements, by mutual consent, which might fix the commerce between the two na-



tions on principles of reciprocal advantage. For this purpose, I authorized informal conferences with their ministers ; and from these, I do not infer any disposition, on their part, to enter into any arrangements merely commercial. I have thought it proper to give you this information, as it might, at some time, have influence on matters under your consideration.

G. WASHINGTON.

*Ordered*, That the said message do lie on the table.

The several petitions of David Cook, Moses Sanderson, Thomas Haven, Elizabeth Parker, Charles Clingen, William Copeland and others, by Michael Connelly their agent, Mary Ripley, and Stephen Drayton, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered, or injuries sustained, in the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in to explain so much of the act, entitled "An act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States," as imposes a duty on imported lead and on calicoes ; and that Mr. Madison, Mr. Wadsworth, and Mr. Leonard, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the admission of the State of Vermont into this Union;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under their consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

On motion,

The said bill was read the third time ; and, on the question that the same do pass, It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to give effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Vermont ; and that Mr. Sedgwick, Mr. Benson, and Mr. Sturges, be of the said committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead ; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act passed at the first session of Congress, entitled 'An act to regulate processes in the courts of the United States.'" And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill to establish offices for the purpose of granting lands within the Territories of the United States, and made a farther progress therein.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

Another member, to wit ; Thomas Sumpter, from South Carolina, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

The several petitions of Nathan Stacey and others, Esther Mix, Elizabeth Kuhn, and Ann Harold, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying compensation for services rendered to the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his reports on the several petitions of Joseph Anderson, Abraham Hunt, Samuel Shepherd, George Glentworth, Anne Roberts, the orphan children of Andrew Leitch, the orphan children of William White, Michael G. Howdin, Samuel Buffington, attor-

Benjamin Goodhue,  
Samuel Griffin,  
William B. Giles,  
John Hathorn,  
Daniel Heister,  
James Jackson,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
Samuel Livermore,  
James Madison, junior,  
George Mathews,  
Andrew Moore,  
John Sevier,  
Roger Sherman,



Thomas Sinnickson,  
William Smith, *of Maryland*,  
Thomas Sumpter,  
George Thatcher,

Thomas Tudor Tucker,  
Alexander White  
Hugh Williamson, and  
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Egbert Benson,  
John Brown,  
George Clymer,  
Benjamin Contee,  
William Floyd,  
Abiel Foster,  
Thomas Hartley,  
Benjamin Huntington,  
John Lawrance,  
George Leonard,  
Peter Muhlenberg,

George Partridge,  
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,  
Thomas Scott,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
Joshua Seney,  
Peter Silvester,  
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,  
Michael Jenifer Stone,  
Jonathan Trumbull, and  
John Vining,

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.  
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

The several petitions of Jacob Carigues, Ludwig Kuhn, by Levi Rubin his attorney, and of Joseph Ball, acting executor of John Ball, deceased, and Isaac Ledyard, were presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of claims against the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Tarlton Woodson, was presented to the House and read, praying to be allowed the commutation of half pay, in consideration of services rendered in the Army of the United States, during the late war; and also the payment of a balance due to him on the public books. Also,

A petition of Reuben Spencer, praying an addition to his pension as a disabled soldier in the service of the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his reports on the petitions of John Chadwick, Nicholas Haugendobler, Nathaniel Alexander, Daniel Merrill for himself and others, Joseph Hugg, John Post, Joshua Orne for himself and others, Lewis Prah, Stephen Clapp, Josiah Simpson, attorney for Dorcas Frost and others, Nathaniel Porter, Lawrence Allman, James Easton, Samuel Kearsley, William S. Smith, John Kechmle, and John Linn; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Madison, from the committee appointed to inquire into the administration of the late Superintendent of Finance, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to compensate Joshua Barney; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A petition of Nicholas Ferdinand Westfall was presented to the House and read, praying a gratuity of lands and other advantages, promised by the late Congress to those who should quit the British service, in consideration of his having left that service and joined the American Army, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia was presented to the House and read, stating sundry reasons in opposition to a petition of sundry other merchants of the said city, trading to India and China, praying an increase of the duties on all China and East India goods, imported into the United States from Europe.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

An engrossed bill to establish offices for the purpose of granting lands within the Territories of the United States, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to establish offices for the purpose of granting lands within the Territories of the United States."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, one entitled "An act for the admission of the State of Vermont into this Union;" the other, entitled "An act to continue in force for a limited time, an act passed at the first session of Congress, entitled 'An act to regulate processes in the courts of the United States.'" Also,

An enrolled resolve "Authorizing Andrew Brown, or any other printer, to collate with, and correct by the original rolls, the laws, resolutions, and treaties, of the United States, for the purpose of publishing new editions thereof;" and had found them to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills and resolve.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of George Gibson; and the first part of the said report, in the words following, to wit: "That the petitioner, George Gibson, is, in justice, entitled to the sum of—dollars from the United States, as a commutation for half-pay of a continental Colonel, agreeably to former resolutions of Congress; was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House."

An adjournment being then called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Vermont; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A petition of John Nicholason was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for services rendered to the United States, during the late war, as an Indian interpreter and guide.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, two enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act for the admission of the State of Vermont into this Union;" the other entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act passed at the first session of Congress, entitled 'An act to regulate processes in the Courts of the United States;'" also, an enrolled resolve "To authorize Andrew Brown, or any other printer, to collate with, and correct by the original rolls, the laws, resolutions, and treaties, of the United States, for the purpose of publishing new editions thereof."

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from further proceeding on the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also, upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same."

The House then proceeded to consider the amendments to the said bill: Whereupon, Some were agreed to, others amended and agreed to, and others disagreed to.

*Ordered*, That the farther consideration of the said amendments be postponed until to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, entitled



UNITED STATES, *February 18th*, 1791.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON.**

**George Clymer,  
Benjamin Contee,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
Abiel Foster,  
George Gale,  
Elbridge Gerry,**

Nicholas Gilman,  
Benjamin Goodhue,  
Samuel Griffin,  
William B. Giles,  
Benjamin Huntington,  
John Lawrance,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
George Leonard,  
James Madison, Junior,  
James Schureman,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
Joshua Seney,

John Sevier,  
Roger Sherman,  
Peter Silvester,  
Thomas Sinnickson,  
William Smith, *of Maryland*,  
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,  
Jonathan Sturges,  
Thomas Sumpter,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and  
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,  
Timothy Bloodworth,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Edanus Burke,  
William Floyd,  
Thomas Hartley,  
John Hathorn,  
Daniel Heister,  
Samuel Livermore,  
George Mathews,  
Andrew Moore,

Peter Muhlenberg,  
Josiah Parker,  
George Partridge,  
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,  
Thomas Scott,  
John Steele,  
George Thatcher,  
Thomas Tudor Tucker,  
Alexander White, and  
Hugh Williamson.

And then the House having proceeded further in the consideration of the Senate's amendments, an adjournment was called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow-morning eleven o'clock.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

A petition of Valentine Wizick was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered to the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Joseph Tatlow was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the hire and valuation of a sloop which was impressed from him for the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Benjamin Fuller, praying compensation for injuries done to his property by the Army of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Coningham, Nesbitt and Company, and James Crawford, of the city of Philadelphia, praying to be relieved against the payment of second tonnage on certain vessels, the double entry of which was occasioned by the mistake of the Deputy Collector at New Castle. Also,

A petition of Frederick W. Starman, and sundry other persons, holding certificates of the registered debt of the United States, which have not been duly transferred to them agreeable to the regulations of the Treasury, praying to be permitted to deliver in the said certificates, and to receive others in their own names for the amount thereof.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

*Ordered*, That the committee to whom were referred the petitions of Jacob Winey and Thomas Barclay be discharged from further proceeding thereon ; and that the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

*Ordered*, That the return of the Secretary of the Treasury of the amount of exports of the United States, for one year, made to this House on Tuesday last, be committed to Mr. Carroll, Mr. Bourn, and Mr. Sedgwick.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Vermont ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto : which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.



George Leonard,  
George Partridge,  
James Schureman,  
Roger Sherman,  
Thomas Sinnickson,  
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,  
Jonathan Sturges,  
George Thatcher,  
Jonathan Trumbull, and  
Henry Wynkoop.

And then the main question being put, "that the House do agree to the said amendment of the Senate as now amended?"

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Resolved*, That this House do agree to all the other amendments proposed by the Senate to the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his report on the several petitions of James Alexander, William Paine, Simon Summers, Jeremiah Ocain, Benoni Shipman, Robert King, Lemuel Sherman, John Hodge, Alexander Neilson, John Falconer, and sundry inhabitants of West Chester County, in the State of New York, John Baylor, executor of Colonel George Baylor, deceased, Stephen Steward, Junior, executor of the late Colonel John Steward, deceased, and Anthony Walton White; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Vermont, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Vermont."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Goodhue, from the committee to whom was referred the written message from the President of the United States, of the fourteenth instant, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing compensations for Clerks, Marshals, and Jurors; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, together with the amendment, be re-committed to Mr. Sherman, Mr. Benson, Mr. Seney, Mr. White, and Mr. Livermore.

Mr. Madison, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to explain and amend the act, entitled "An act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to compensate Joshua Barney; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

And then the question being put that the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time,

It passed in the negative.

And so the bill was rejected.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his reports on the several petitions of Richard Lloyd, Francis Taylor, Ebenezer A. Smith, James Norris, William Cottle, and David Cook; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill to explain and amend the act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to explain and amend the act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States."



*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill making further provision for the collection of the duties imposed on teas; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Boudinot, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act establishing the Treasury Department; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed to report "whether any farther provision is necessary to secure the due accounting for the moneys expended in the Department of War," made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate do recede from their amendment, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same." And do agree to all the amendments, proposed by this House, to their other amendments to the said bill, with an amendment to the amendment to the amendment which is proposed to follow the sixty-first section, by striking out the words "*for the space of two years, unless sooner altered by law,*" in the amendment to the amendment, and substituting in lieu thereof, the words, "*until altered by law.*" The Senate have also agreed to some farther amendments to the said bill; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth disagree to the amendment to the amendment to the amendment, which is proposed to follow the sixty-first section of the before-mentioned bill, and doth insist on the amendment to the said amendment, as originally proposed on the part of this House. Ayes 36: Noes 24.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
Timothy Bloodworth,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Benjamin Bourn,  
John Brown,  
Edanus Burke,  
Daniel Carroll,  
Benjamin Contee,  
William Floyd,  
Samuel Griffin, ✓  
Jonathan Grout,  
William B. Giles,  
Thomas Hartley,  
John Hathorn,  
Daniel Heister,  
James Jackson,  
Richard Bland Lec,

Samuel Livermore,  
James Madison, junior,  
George Mathews,  
Andrew Moore,  
Peter Muhlenberg  
Josiah Parker,  
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,  
Thomas Scott,  
Joshua Seney,  
Peter Silvester,  
William Smith, of Maryland,  
John Steele,  
Michael Jenifer Stone,  
Thomas Sumpter,  
Thomas Tudor Tucker,  
John Vining;  
Alexander White, and  
Hugh Williamson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Fisher Ames,  
Egbert Benson,  
Lambert Cadwalader,  
George Clymer,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
Abiel Foster,  
George Gale,  
Elbridge Gerry,  
Benjamin Goodhue,  
Benjamin Huntington,  
John Lawrance,  
George Leonard,

George Partridge,  
James Schureman,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
John Sevier,  
Roger Sherman,  
Thomas Sinnickson,  
William Smith, of *South Carolina*,  
Jonathan Sturges,  
George Thatcher,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and  
Henry Wynkoop.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the farther amendments proposed by the Senate to the said bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled, "An act regulating the number of Representatives to be chosen by the States of Kentucky and Vermont," and had found the same to be truly enrolled. Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to inform this House that the Senate have resolved that the bill sent from this House, entitled "An act to alter the time of the next meeting of Congress," do not pass to the third reading. They have also agreed to a resolution, that the President of the United States be requested to cause to be communicated to the National Assembly of France, the peculiar sensibility of Congress to the tribute paid to the memory of Benjamin Franklin, by the enlightened and free Representatives of a great nation, in their decree of the eleventh of June, seventeen hundred and ninety; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

An engrossed bill, supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution sent from the Senate yesterday; and the same being twice read, was agreed to as followeth:

*Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be communicated to the National Assembly of France, the peculiar sensibility of Congress to the tribute paid to the memory of Benjamin Franklin, by the enlightened and free Representatives of a great nation, in their decree of the eleventh of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, respecting farther compensation to Commissioners of the several loan-offices; and the same being twice read, was agreed to as followeth:

"That provision should be made by law for admitting to the credit of the several Commissioners of Loans, in the settlement of their respective accounts, all such sums as shall appear to have been necessarily expended by them in the purchase of stationery, and for the hire of clerks in relation to the execution of their offices, from the commencement of the same to the first day of October next, deducting the salary of one clerk in respect to each of the Commissioners of Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia."



*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said report; and that Mr. Williamson, Mr. Partridge, and Mr. White, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have come to a resolution, that the bill sent from this House, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to cause the debt due to foreign officers to be paid and discharged," do not pass to the third reading: And they have passed the bill, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Vermont," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills fixing the time for the next annual meeting of Congress, and that Mr. Smith (of South Carolina,) Mr. Lawrance, and Mr. Van Rensselaer, be of the said committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate insist on their amendment, disagreed to by this House, to the amendment to the amendment which is proposed to follow the sixty-first section of the bill, entitled "An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same;" and desire a conference with this House on the subject matter thereof, to which they have appointed managers on their part. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the conference desired by the Senate; and that Mr. Boudinot, Mr. White, and Mr. Livermore, be appointed managers at the said conference, on the part of this House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the written message from the President of the United States, of the fourteenth instant: Whereupon,

*Odererd*, That the said report be referred to the Secretary of State; and that he be directed to report to Congress the nature and extent of the privileges and restrictions of the commercial intercourse of the United States with foreign nations, and such measures as he shall think proper to be adopted for the improvement of the commerce and navigation of the same.

Mr. Smith (of South Carolina,) from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill fixing the time for the next annual meeting of Congress; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read, the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

The several petitions of Peter Stoy, Thomas Alexander, and John Turner, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received, or injuries sustained, in the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of William Middleton, praying compensation for military services rendered to the United States, during the late war.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of George Webb was presented to the House and read, praying farther compensation for his services, and also to be reimbursed for the loss of a sum of the public money, whilst receiver of continental taxes, for the State of Virginia.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report on the petition of William Simmons, referred to him by an order of this House, of the seventh of January last; which was twice read, and agreed to as followeth:

"That it would be expedient, in the opinion of the Secretary, to raise the salary of the chief Clerk of the Auditor, to the same standard with the salary of the chief Clerk of the Comptroller."

*Ordered*, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said report; and that Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Bourne, and Mr. Foster, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States, within the State of Vermont;" and the same being twice read, was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Floyd, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act regulating the number of Representatives to be chosen by the States of Kentucky and Vermont:" Also, that they had examined an enrolled resolve, which originated in the Senate, requesting the President of the United States to communicate to the National Assembly of France, the peculiar sensibility of Congress to the tribute paid to the memory of Benjamin Franklin; and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled resolve.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House to acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Sherman, from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill making compensation to clerks, marshals, and jurors, presented an amendatory bill, providing compensations for the officers of the several Courts of Law, and for jurors and witnesses; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Bourn, from the Committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill repealing so much of an act as establishes the rate of the rix dollar of Denmark; which was received and read the first time.

Mr. Carroll, from the Committee to whom was referred the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the fifteenth instant, accompanying a return of the exports of the United States, between the month of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, and the thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, made a report; which was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

"That the said return of exports ought to be printed for the information of the citizens of the United States, in such manner as to shew the names, quantity, and value, of the articles exported, the dominions to which the same were carried, and the amount in value so carried."

Mr. Williamson, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for making compensations to the Commissioners of Loans for extraordinary expenses and services; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Treasury report whether any, and what, additions are to be made to his return of the exports of the United States.

An engrossed bill fixing the time for the next annual meeting of Congress was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act fixing the time for the next annual meeting of Congress."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to the act establishing the Treasury Department; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the Committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the several petitions and memorials of the public creditors, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

A motion being made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That it would be inexpedient to alter the system for funding the public debt, established during the last session of Congress; and that the petition of Thomas M'Kean and others, styling themselves a Committee of the Public Creditors of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and also the other petitions on that subject, cannot be granted:"



It was resolved in the affirmative, { Ayes ..... 53,  
 { Noes ..... 2.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,  
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,  
 John Baptist Ashe,  
 Abraham Baldwin,  
 Egbert Benson,  
 Elias Boudinot,  
 Benjamin Bourn,  
 John Brown,  
 Edanus Burke,  
 Lambert Cadwalader,  
 George Clymer,  
 Benjamin Contee,  
 Thomas Fitzsimons,  
 William Floyd,  
 Abiel Foster,  
 George Gale,  
 Nicholas Gilman,  
 Benjamin Goodhue,  
 Samuel Griffin,  
 Jonathan Grout,  
 William B. Giles,  
 Benjamin Huntington,  
 James Jackson,  
 John Lawrence,  
 Richard Bland Lee,  
 George Leonard,  
 Samuel Livermore,  
 James Madison, junior,

George Mathews,  
 Andrew Moore,  
 Peter Muhlenberg,  
 Josiah Parker,  
 George Partridge,  
 Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,  
 James Schureman,  
 Theodore Sedgwick,  
 Joshua Seney,  
 Roger Sherman,  
 Peter Silvester,  
 Thomas Sinnickson,  
 William Smith, of *Maryland*,  
 William Smith, of *South Carolina*,  
 John Steele,  
 Michael Jenifer Stone,  
 Jonathan Sturges,  
 Thomas Sumpter,  
 George Thatcher,  
 Jonathan Trumbull,  
 Thomas Tudor Tucker,  
 John Vining,  
 Jeremiah Wadsworth,  
 Alexander White,  
 Hugh Williamson, and  
 Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Elbridge Gerry, and

Thomas Scott.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to explain and amend an act making farther provision for the payment of the debts of the United States." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for establishing the Post Office and Post Roads of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the Committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under their consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.  
 And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

An engrossed bill, supplementary to the act establishing the Treasury Department was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved,* That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to the act establishing the Treasury Department."

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Jacob Isacks, of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, was presented to the House and read, praying that some adequate reward or gratuity may be made to him, for the discovery of an art or secret which he possesses, of converting salt water into fresh, so as to render it proper for every purpose for which spring or fresh river water is wanted, by a process simple, easy, and unexpensive.

*Ordered,* That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Aaron Vail, was presented to the House and read, praying that two vessels employed under contract of the petitioner to carry the mail between the United

George Leonard,  
George Partridge,  
James Schureman,  
Thomas Scott,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
John Sevier,  
Roger Sherman,  
Thomas Sinnickson,  
William Smith, of *South Carolina*,  
Jonathan Sturges,  
George Thatcher,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
John Vining,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and  
Henry Wynkoop.



Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
Timothy Bloodworth,  
John Brown,  
Edanus Burke,  
Daniel Carroll,  
Benjamin Contee,  
William Floyd,  
Samuel Griffin,  
Jonathan Grout,  
William B. Giles,  
James Jackson,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
Samuel Livermore,  
James Madison, junior,

George Mathews,  
Andrew Moore,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Josiah Parker,  
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,  
Joshua Seney,  
Peter Silvester,  
William Smith, of *Maryland*,  
John Steele,  
Michael Jenifer Stone,  
Thomas Sumpter,  
Thomas Tudor Tucker,  
Alexander White, and  
Hugh Williamson.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several petitions of Thomas Campbell, Caleb Ferris, Thomas Brush, junior, and Paul Bowman, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying to be placed on the list of Pensioners, in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Thaddeus Reed, late a soldier in the Coast Guards, in the State of Connecticut, praying relief in consideration of an injury sustained in his health, in the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Benjamin Fuller, praying payment of certain arrearages of wages and clothing, which he alleges are still due to him, as a soldier in the Massachusetts' line, during the late war. Also,

The petitions of Joseph Cox and Ebenezer Kent, respectively praying to be allowed commutation of five years' half-pay, in lieu of half-pay for life, as Ensigns in the service of the United States, during the late war. Also,

A petition of Commodore Abraham Whipple, praying to be allowed commutation, and all other emoluments, as an officer in the late Navy of the United States.

*Ordered*, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering his report respecting certificates or evidences of debt issued after the first of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from further proceeding on the bill for establishing Post Offices and Post Roads of the United States.

A bill repealing so much of an act as establishes the rate of the rix dollar of Denmark, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill supplemental to the act making provision for the reduction of the public debt; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, entitled "An act supplementary to the act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States;" The Senate have also passed a bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish the temporary and permanent seat of the Government of the United States;'" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of Comfort Sands and others, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Elias Hasket Derby was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the payment of the impost on certain cargoes of tea, imported by the petitioner.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Seth Harding: Whereupon,

It being moved and seconded that the House do agree to the said report in the words following, to wit:

“That Congress pass an act granting to Captain Harding the sum of ——— dollars, as a gratuity for his services and losses occasioned by leaving his estate and employment within the British dominions, and for the active, beneficial, and meritorious part he has taken in securing the rights and independence of America:”

It passed in the negative.

The House proceeded to consider the reports of the Secretary of War on the several petitions of the children of Captain Robert Lewis, deceased, of Hannah Douglass, widow of the late Colonel William Douglass, of Anne Roberts, of the orphan children of the late Major Andrew Leitch, of the orphan children of the late Captain William White, of Samuel Buffington, attorney to Francis Suzor Debevere, of Joseph Pannil, of Thomas M'Intire, of Robert King, and of Lemuel Sherman: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the said petitions, respectively, be granted, in conformity to the tenor of the said reports; and that it be an instruction to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills “for making compensation to widows, orphans, and invalids, in certain cases,” that they do insert a clause or clauses making provision for the said cases, respectively.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of War on the petitions of Timothy Mix and Abel Turney: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said Timothy Mix, be entitled, as an invalid, to the half-pay of a Lieutenant, upon his returning his commutation; and that the said Abel Turney be placed on the pension list, agreeable to the said report.

*Ordered*, That the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills “for making compensations to widows, orphans, and invalids, in certain cases,” do insert a clause or clauses pursuant to the said resolution.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of War on the petition of Michael Gabriel Houdin: Whereupon,

A motion being made and seconded, “That there be granted to the petitioner, as a Foreign officer, a gratuity of two hundred dollars, to reimburse him for expenses incurred in coming to and returning from America:”

It passed in the negative.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of War on the petition of David Cook: Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said report be referred to Mr. Burke, Mr. Thatcher, and Mr. Mathews, with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant to the tenor thereof.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of War on the several petitions of Thaddeus Beebe, Robert Connolly, Francis Ackling, Jesse Holt, Reuben Gould, Barnabas Lucas, Robert Ford, Philip Buck, John Miles Charlesworth, Nathan Davis, Patrick M'Laughlin, Thomas Boyd, Donald M'Donald, Simeon Noyes, John Cardiff, Caleb Chadwick, Jabez Bill, Abner Pier, Job Priest, Wardwell Green, William Reynolds, Albert Roux, Anna Emmerson, Anna W. Longcammer, Peter Johnson, Ezekiel Johnston, William M'Dade, Joel Phelps, Timothy Lane, Thomas Hobby, Isaac Vincent, Ebenezer Nash, Daniel Lollar, Ebenezer Fielding, and Simeon Thayer; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill repealing so much of an act as establishes the rate of the rix dollar of Denmark, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass; and that the title be, “An act concerning the rates of foreign coin.”

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.



*Ordered,* That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from further considering the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for granting lands to the inhabitants and settlers at Vincennes and the Illinois country, in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and for confirming them in their possessions," and that the said bill be referred to Mr. White, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Brown.

The House proceeded to the farther consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of George Gibson: Whereupon,

The latter part of the said report, in the words following, to wit: "That, in a most critical period during the late Revolution, the petitioner undertook a fatiguing, hazardous, and important expedition of a secret nature, and by his fidelity and masterly management in the execution thereof, procured advantages to the United States, singularly important, without incurring any, or but a very trivial expense, for which he has hitherto received no compensation; and therefore the committee are of opinion that he is justly and equitably entitled to the sum of ——— dollars, as a reasonable compensation for his said services;" was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant thereto; and that Mr. Giles, Mr. Vining, Mr. Peter Muhlenberg, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. Wadsworth, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, entitled "An act fixing the time for the next annual meeting of Congress." The Senate have also agreed to the amendment last proposed on the part of this House to their amendment to the bill repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same." And then he withdrew.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the act for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the Government of the United States," was read the second time, and ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

*Ordered,* That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act for the temporary establishment of the Post Office;" and that Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Scott, be of the said committee.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of War on the petition of the orphan children of John Harris, deceased: Whereupon,

*Resolved,* That there be paid to the petitioners the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty dollars, being the amount of a Lieutenant's half-pay for seven years, agreeably to the resolve of Congress of the twenty-fourth of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

*Ordered,* That it be an instruction to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for making compensation to widows, orphans, and invalids, in certain cases, to insert a clause or clauses pursuant to the said resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, enclosing his report on the petition of Philip De Haas: Whereupon,

*Resolved,* That the prayer of the petition of the said Philip De Haas be so far granted, as that the Comptroller of the Treasury be directed to adjust his accounts, and to admit such sums as by evidence shall appear to have been advanced by him for public service.

*Ordered,* That it be an instruction to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for making compensation to widows, orphans, and invalids, in certain cases, to insert a clause or clauses pursuant to the said resolution.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Secretary of State on the petition of Nicholas Ferdinand Westfall: Whereupon,

*Resolved,* That one hundred acres of unappropriated lands be granted to the said Nicholas Ferdinand Westfall, free of all charges, and that there be paid to him as a farther reward, the sum of three hundred and thirty-six dollars and eighty-four cents.

*Ordered,* That it be an instruction to the committee appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for making compensation to widows, orphans, and invalids, in certain cases, to insert a clause or clauses pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the act establishing the Treasury Department," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing compensations for the officers of the several Courts of law, and for jurors and witnesses; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for making compensations to the Commissioners of Loans, for extraordinary expenses and services; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceed to consider the said amendment; and the same being read as followeth:

"Strike out the last clause of the bill in the words following, 'excepting only the hire of one Clerk for the several Commissioners in the States of Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia,'" was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House—Ayes 23, Noes 27.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Fisher Ames,  
Egbert Benson,  
Edanus Burke,  
Lambert Cadwalader,  
Daniel Carroll,  
George Clymer,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
William Floyd,  
Elbridge Gerry,  
William B. Giles,  
Samuel Griffin,  
Thomas Hartley,

John Hathorn,  
Benjamin Huntington,  
John Lawrance,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,  
Thomas Scott,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
Michael Jenifer Stone,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and  
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
Timothy Bloodworth,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Benjamin Bourn,  
John Brown,  
Benjamin Contee,  
Abiel Foster,  
Nicholas Gilman,  
Jonathan Grout,  
James Jackson,  
George Leonard,  
Samuel Livermore,  
George Mathews,

George Partridge,  
James Schureman,  
Joshua Seney,  
Roger Sherman,  
Thomas Sinnickson,  
William Smith, of *Maryland*,  
William Smith, of *South Carolina*,  
Jonathan Sturges,  
Thomas Sumpter,  
George Thatcher,  
Thomas Tudor Tucker,  
Alexander White, and  
Hugh Williamson.

*Ordered,* That the petition of John Tucker, which lay on the table, be referred to Mr. Gerry, Mr. Hartley, and Mr. Seney; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.



And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

**Daniel Carroll,  
George Clymer,  
Benjamin Contee,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
Abiel Foster,**

**Nicholas Gilman,  
Jonathan Grout,  
Thomas Hartley,  
Benjamin Huntington,  
George Leonard,**



Samuel Livermore,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
George Partridge,  
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,

Theodore Sedgwick,  
Joshua Seney,  
Jonathan Sturges, and  
George Thatcher.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill supplemental to the act establishing the Treasury Department; and the same being read, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to the act making provision for the reduction of the public debt; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed and read the third time.

A bill to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act for the temporary establishment of the Post-Office" was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and agreed to several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time.

Mr. Floyd, from the Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present for his approbation five enrolled bills: one entitled "An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same;" another entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States;'" another entitled "An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Vermont;" another entitled "An act to explain and amend an act, entitled 'An act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States;'" and another entitled "An act fixing the time for the next annual meeting of Congress;" also, an enrolled resolve, which originated in the Senate, expressive of the high sense of Congress on the decree of the National Assembly of France, respecting the late Benjamin Franklin.

A bill for making compensation to the widows and orphan children of certain officers who were killed, or who died while in the service of the United States, during the late war, and for the relief of certain invalids and other persons therein mentioned, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, which was made on Friday last, respecting certificates or evidences of debt issued after the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, be referred to Mr. Lawrance, Mr. Tucker, and Mr. Wadsworth, with instructions to prepare and bring in a bill or bills pursuant thereto:

A bill to compensate George Gibson was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

An engrossed bill to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act for the temporary establishment of the Post Office," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act for the temporary establishment of the Post Office,' and for other purposes."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill supplementary to the act making provision for the reduction of the public debt, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to the act making provision for the reduction of the public debt."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Thomas Claxton, Assistant Doorkeeper to the House of Representatives, was presented to the House and read, praying a farther compensation for his services.

*Ordered*, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: I am directed to inform this House that the Senate have postponed the consideration of the bill sent from this House, entitled "An act to establish offices for the purpose of granting lands within the territories of the United States," until the next session. I am also directed to inform this House that the Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act repealing so much of an act as establishes the rate of the rix dollar of Denmark," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill for making compensation to the widows and orphan children of certain officers who were killed, or who died while in the service of the United States, during the late war, and for the relief of certain invalids, and other persons therein mentioned, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for making compensation to the widows and orphans of certain officers who were killed, or who died while in the service of the United States, during the late war, and for the relief of certain invalids and other persons therein mentioned."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, to wit: one, entitled "An act supplemental to the act establishing the Treasury Department, and for a farther compensation to certain officers;" and another, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to amend an act for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the Government of the United States;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill, entitled "An act for establishing the salaries of the Executive Officers of Government, with their Assistants and Clerks;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Livermore reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time.

Mr. Burke, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of David Cook; which was received, and read the first time.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act repealing so much of an act as establishes the rate of the rix dollar of Denmark;" and the same, being twice read, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making further provision for the collection of the duties by law imposed on teas; and, after some time spent thereon, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the said bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to.



*Ordered*, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President did this day approve and sign the following acts, to wit :

“An act giving effect to the laws of the United States within the State of Vermont ;”

“An act to explain and amend an act, entitled ‘An act making farther provision for the payment of the debts of the United States ;’”

“An act supplementary to the act, entitled ‘An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States ;’” and

“An act fixing the time for the next annual meeting of Congress.”

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have agreed to a resolution “That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, requested to cause a return to be made to Congress, at their next session, of the quantity and situation of the lands not claimed by the Indians; nor granted to, nor claimed by, any citizens of the United States, within the territory ceded to the United States by the State of North Carolina, and within the territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio ;” to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution ; and the same being amended by striking out the words “*a return to be made to,*” and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words, “*an estimate to be laid before,*” was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Lawrance, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury respecting certificates or evidences of debt, issued since the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, presented a bill concerning certain certificates or evidences of the public debt ; which was received, and read the first time.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, “concerning Consuls and Vice Consuls ;” and, after some time sent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk’s table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to.

The said bill, as amended, was then read the third time ; and, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled “An act making an appropriation for the purpose therein mentioned ;” to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the third time ; and, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering his reports on the several petitions of Gosuinus Erkelens, Elias Hasket Derby, and of Coningham, Nesbitt, and Company, and James Crawford ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill in addition to the act for establishing the salaries of the Executive Officers of Government, with their Assistants and Clerks, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, “An act in addition to the act for establishing the salaries of the Executive Officers of Government, with their Assistants and Clerks.”

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to compensate George Gibson ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Boudinot reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk’s table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to.

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Ayes ..... 33,  
Noes ..... 14.

John Lawrance,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
James Madison, junior,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
Thomas Scott,  
Joshua Seney,  
John Sevier,  
William Smith, *of Maryland*,  
William Smith, *of South Carolina*,  
Thomas Sumpter,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
Thomas Tudor Tucker,  
John Vining,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth,  
Alexander White, and  
Henry Wynkoop.

**Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,  
James Schureman,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
Roger Sherman,  
Peter Silvester,  
George Thatcher, and  
Hugh Williamson.**



THURSDAY, MARCH 3.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his report on the petition of Henry Laurens; also, his report on the petitions of several Oneida and Tuscarora Indians, by their attorney, Cornelius Vanslyk; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the petition of Thomas Claxton, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the expenses incurred by the said Thomas Claxton, as stated in his petition, not exceeding one hundred dollars, be included in the account of the Clerk of this House, when rendered, for the contingent expenses of the present session.

Mr. Cadwalader, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Tucker, made a report; which was read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

"That the petition being unaccompanied with a stated account of the petitioner's expenses, and the petitioner being absent, the committee cannot ascertain with precision the amount of his claim, and therefore recommend that the farther consideration of the said petition be deferred until the next Session of Congress."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate adhere to their disagreement to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act concerning Consuls and Vice Consuls." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for the collection of the duties by law imposed on teas, and for prolonging the term for the payment of the duties on wines." The Senate have also agreed to two resolutions, to which they desire the concurrence of this House, as follow:

"That a mint shall be established, under such regulations as shall be directed by law.

"That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be engaged, such artists as shall be necessary to carry the preceding resolution into effect, and to stipulate the terms and conditions of their service; and also to cause to be procured such apparatus as shall be requisite for the same purpose."

The House proceeded to consider the said resolutions; and the second resolution being amended by inserting after the word "*such*," the word "*principal*," the same were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House—Ayes 25, Noes 21.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Elias Boudinot,  
Lambert Cadwalader,  
George Clymer,  
Benjamin Contee,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
William Floyd,  
George Gale,  
Nicholas Gilman,  
Samuel Griffin,  
Thomas Hartley,  
John Lawrance,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
Peter Muhlenberg,

Thomas Scott,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
Joshua Seney,  
John Sevier,  
Peter Silvester,  
William Smith, of Maryland,  
William Smith, of South Carolina,  
John Steele,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
John Vining,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and  
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
Edanus Burke,  
Abiel Foster,  
William B. Giles,  
John Hathorn,  
Daniel Heister,  
Benjamin Huntington,  
James Jackson,  
George Leonard,  
Samuel Livermore,

Andrew Moore,  
George Partridge,  
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,  
James Schureman,  
Roger Sherman,  
Thomas Sinnickson,  
Thomas Sumpter,  
Thomas Tudor Tucker,  
Alexander White, and  
Hugh Williamson.

The House proceeded to re-consider the amendments insisted on by this House, and to their disagreement to which the Senate doth adhere, to the bill, entitled "An act concerning Consuls and Vice Consuls:" Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth adhere to their said amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making compensations to the Commissioners of Loans, for extraordinary expenses," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment; and the same being read, as followeth: "Strike out the last clause in the words following, 'excepting only the hire of one clerk for the several Commissioners in the States of Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia;" was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to—Ayes 20, Noes 22.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lambert Cadwalader,  
Daniel Carroll,  
George Clymer,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
William Floyd,  
George Gale,  
Samuel Griffin,  
William B. Giles,  
Thomas Hartley,  
John Hathorn,

Daniel Heister,  
Benjamin Huntington,  
John Lawrance,  
Richard Bland Lee,  
Thomas Scott,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
Roger Sherman,  
Peter Silvester,  
Jonathan Trumbull, and  
Henry Wynkoop.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Abraham Baldwin,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Benjamin Bourn,  
John Brown,  
Edanus Burke,  
Benjamin Contee,  
Abiel Foster,  
Nicholas Gilman,  
James Jackson,  
George Leonard,  
Samuel Livermore,

James Madison, junior,  
Peter Muhlenberg,  
George Partridge,  
James Schureman,  
Thomas Sinnickson,  
William Smith, of *Maryland*,  
William Smith, of *South Carolina*,  
Thomas Sumpter,  
John Vining,  
Alexander White, and  
Hugh Williamson.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the resolution respecting the ungranted lands within the territories of the United States. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act establishing the salaries to the Executive Officers of Government, with their Assistants and Clerks," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate do also adhere to their amendment disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act making compensations to the Commissioners of Loans, for extraordinary expenses." And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth recede from their disagreement to the amendment adhered to by the Senate to the bill last mentioned—Ayes 23, Noes 20.

The ayes and noes being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lambert Cadwalader,  
George Clymer,  
Thomas Fitzsimons,  
William Floyd,  
George Gale,  
Samuel Griffin,  
William B. Giles,  
Thomas Hartley,  
John Hathorn,  
Benjamin Huntington,  
John Lawrance,  
Richard Bland Lee,

Peter Muhlenberg,  
George Partridge,  
Thomas Scott,  
Theodore Sedgwick,  
John Sevier,  
Roger Sherman,  
Peter Silvester,  
Jonathan Trumbull,  
John Vining,  
Jeremiah Wadsworth, and  
Henry Wynkoop.



Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Baptist Ashe,  
Abraham Baldwin,  
Timothy Bloodworth,  
Elias Boudinot,  
Benjamin Contee,  
Abiel Foster,  
James Jackson,  
George Leonard,  
Samuel Livermore,  
George Mathews,

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,  
James Schureman,  
Joshua Seney,  
Thomas Sinnickson,  
William Smith, of *Maryland*,  
William Smith, of *South Carolina*,  
John Steele,  
Thomas Sumpter,  
Alexander White, and  
Hugh Williamson.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to all the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act establishing the salaries to the Executive Officers of Government, with their Assistants and Clerks."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for granting lands to the inhabitants and settlers at Vincennes and the Illinois country, in the Territory Northwest of the Ohio, and for confirming them in their possessions," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act for the temporary establishment of the Post Office," with several amendments, to which they also desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message: Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to all the amendments proposed by the Senate to the said two last mentioned bills.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act providing compensations for the officers of the Judicial Courts of the United States, and for jurors and witnesses, and for other purposes," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments; and the same being read, some were agreed to, and others disagreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker*: The Senate have deferred until the next Session of Congress, the consideration of two bills sent from this House; the one entitled "An act making compensation to the widows and orphan children of certain officers who were killed, or who died while in the service of the United States, during the late war, and for the relief of certain invalids and other persons therein mentioned;" the other entitled "An act to compensate George Gibson." The Senate have also agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the resolutions respecting the establishment of a mint. They have also passed the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act making provision for the reduction of the public debt," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the said last mentioned bill; and the same being read, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message. The Senate recede from such of their amendments as were disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act providing compensations for the officers of the Judicial Courts of the United States, and for jurors and witnesses, and for other purposes." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force the act therein mentioned, and to make further provision for the payment of pensions to invalids, and for the support of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time.

On a motion made and seconded, that the following clauses of amendment to the Constitution of the United States be proposed by Congress to the Legislatures of the several States, to wit:

"That the Congress shall, either by declaring the Superior or Supreme Common Law Court of the State to be the Court, or by creating a new Court for the purpose, esta-

lish a GENERAL JUDICIAL COURT in each State, the Judges whereof shall hold their commissions during good behavior, and without any other limitation whatsoever, and shall be appointed and commissioned by the State, and shall receive their compensations from the United States only; and the compensations shall not be diminished during their continuance in office.

The number of Judges of the General Judicial Court in a State, unless the same should be altered by the consent of the Congress and the Legislature of the State, shall be in the proportion of one Judge for every — persons in the State, according to the enumeration for apportioning the Representatives among the several States; but there shall always be at least three Judges in each State.

The General Judicial Court shall, in all cases to which the judicial power of the United States doth extend, have original jurisdiction, either exclusively or concurrently with other Courts in the respective States, and otherwise regulated as the Congress shall prescribe; and in cases where the judicial power is reserved to the several States, as the Legislature of each State shall prescribe: but shall have, and exclusively, *immediate* appellate jurisdiction, in all cases, from every other Court within the State, under such limitations, exceptions, and regulations, however, as shall be made with the consent of the Congress, and the Legislature of the State: there may, notwithstanding, be in each State a Court of Appeals or Errors in the last resort, under the authority of the State, from the General Judicial Court, in cases and on questions only, where the Supreme Court of the United States hath not appellate jurisdiction from the General Judicial Court.

The Congress may provide that the Judges of the General Judicial Court shall hold Circuit Courts within the State; and the Legislature of the State may, in addition to the times and places to be assigned by the Congress for holding the General Judicial Court or the Circuit Courts, assign other times and places.

The Congress may determine the number of Judges which shall be a quorum to hold a General Judicial Court, or a Circuit Court, in each respective State.

The Congress may, in the cases to which the judicial power of the United States doth extend, and the Legislature of the State may, in the other cases, regulate the fees and proceedings in the several courts, and the jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts, within the State.

The Ministerial Officers of the General Judicial Court shall be appointed and commissioned in such manner as the Legislature of the State shall prescribe.

All writs issuing out of the General Judicial Court, shall be in the name of *the Judges* thereof.

The Judges of the General Judicial Court may be impeached by the House of Representatives of the United States, and also by the most numerous branch of the State Legislature.

The impeachment shall not be tried by the Senate of the United States, or by any judicature under the authority of the State, but the Congress shall, by law, establish a Court to be held in each State, for the trial of such impeachments, to consist only of Senators of the United States, Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, and Judges of General Judicial Courts. The trial shall be in the State where the person impeached shall reside; and every law, designating the Judges of a Court for the trial of impeachments, shall be passed previous to the impeachment; and the designation shall be, not by naming the persons, but by describing the offices, the persons in which offices for the time being, and elected or appointed previous to the impeachment, shall be the Judges; and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the Judges present.

Judgments by the courts so to be established for the trial of impeachments, shall not extend further than is provided by the Constitution of the United States, in cases of impeachments, and the party, nevertheless, to be liable, and subject to indictment, trial, judgment, and punishment, according to law.

In every State where the Congress shall declare the Superior or Supreme Common Law Court to be the General *Judicial Court*, the Judges shall, by force of their appointments as Judges of the Superior or Supreme Common Law Court, become Judges of the General Judicial Court: and all the powers and duties of the Judges of the Superior or Supreme Common Law Court, either by the Constitution or the Laws of the State, shall devolve on the Judges of the General Judicial Court.

If on the establishment of the General Judicial Courts, the Congress shall deem proper to discontinue any of the District Courts of the United States, the Judges of the Courts so discontinued shall, thereupon, by force of their appointments as District



Judges, become Judges of the General Judicial Courts in the respective States, and shall continue to receive their compensations as theretofore established.

The Judges of the Supreme or Superior Common Law Courts, and the District Judges, may, on the first establishment of the General Judicial Courts, become Judges thereof, notwithstanding the limitation of the number of Judges of the General Judicial Courts in the respective States, but as vacancies happen they shall not afterwards be filled up beyond the number limited.

For avoiding of doubts, it is declared that all officers, as well Ministerial as Judicial, in the *administration of justice* under the authority of a State, shall also be held to execute their respective offices, for carrying into effect the laws of the United States; and, in addition to the duties assigned to them by the laws of the State, the Congress may assign to them such farther duties as they shall deem proper for that purpose."

*Resolved*, That the consideration of the said amendments be deferred until the next session of Congress; and that one hundred copies thereof be printed for the use of the members of both Houses.

On a motion made and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Whereas, Congress did, by a resolution of the twenty-third of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, recommend to the several States to pass laws, making it expressly the duty of the keepers of their jails to receive, and safe-keep therein, all prisoners committed under the authority of the United States:

In order, therefore, to insure the administration of justice,

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, in case any State shall not have complied with the said recommendation, the Marshal, in such State, under the direction of the Judge of the District, be authorized to hire a convenient place to serve as a temporary jail, and to make the necessary provision for the safe-keeping of prisoners committed under the authority of the United States, until permanent provision shall be made by law for that purpose; and the said Marshal shall be allowed his reasonable expenses incurred for the above purposes, to be paid out of the Treasury of the United States:

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a bill or bills for carrying into effect a consular convention between His Most Christian Majesty and the United States; and that Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Vining, do prepare and bring in the same.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force the acts therein mentioned, and to make farther provision for the payment of pensions to invalids, and for the support of light houses, beacons, buoys and public piers," was read the third time; and, on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Smith, of South Carolina, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for carrying into effect the consular convention between His Most Christian Majesty and the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

A bill for the relief of David Cook, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

An engrossed bill for carrying into effect the consular convention between His Most Christian Majesty and the United States, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for carrying into effect the consular convention between His Most Christian Majesty and the United States."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of David Cook was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of David Cook."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence,

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

*Mr. Speaker:* The Senate have agreed to the resolution respecting the safe-keeping of prisoners committed under the authority of the United States. The Senate have also deferred, until the next session of Congress, the consideration of two bills sent from this House; one entitled "An act for carrying into effect the consular convention between His Most Christian Majesty and the United States;" the other entitled "An act for the relief of David Cook." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills and resolves, to wit:

An act, entitled "An act making compensations to the Commissioners of Loans, for extraordinary expenses;"

An act, entitled "An act, in addition to an act, entitled 'An act for establishing the salaries of the Executive Officers of Government, with their Assistants and Clerks;'"

An act, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act for the temporary establishment of the Post Office;'"

An act, entitled "An act relative to the rix-dollar of Denmark;"

An act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act making provision for the reduction of the public debt;"

An act, entitled "An act providing compensations for the Officers of the Judicial Courts of the United States, and for Jurors and Witnesses, and for other purposes;"

An act, entitled "An act making farther provision for the collection of the duties by law imposed upon teas, and to prolong the term of payment of the duties on wines;"

An act, entitled "An act to continue in force the act therein mentioned, and to make farther provision for the payment of pensions to invalids, and for the support of light-houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers;"

An act, entitled "An act for granting lands to the inhabitants and settlers at Vincennes and the Illinois Country, in the Territory Northwest of the Ohio, and for confirming them in their titles;" and

An act, entitled "An act for making an appropriation for the purpose therein mentioned;"

A resolve respecting the establishment of a Mint;

A resolve respecting the ungranted lands within the Territory of the United States; and,

A resolve respecting the safe-keeping of prisoners committed under the authority of the United States;

And had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills and resolves.

A petition of sundry Officers and Soldiers of the Old Flying Camp, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for military services rendered during the late war.

*Ordered,* That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Floyd, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, wait on the President of the United States, and present, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills and resolves, to wit:

An act, entitled "An act making compensation to the Commissioners of Loans, for extraordinary expenses;"

An act, entitled "An act, in addition to the act, entitled 'An act for establishing the salaries of the Executive Officers of Government, with their Assistants and Clerks;'"

An act, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act for the temporary establishment of the Post Office;'"

An act, entitled "An act relative to the rix-dollar of Denmark;"

An act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act making provision for the reduction of the public debt;"

An act, entitled "An act providing compensations to the Officers of the Judicial Courts of the United States, and for Jurors and Witnesses, and for other purposes;"

An act, entitled "An act making farther provision for the collection of the duties by law imposed on teas, and to prolong the term for the payment of the duties on wines;"

An act, entitled "An act to continue in force the act therein mentioned, and to make farther provisions for the payment of pensions to invalids, and for the support of light houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers;"

An act, entitled "An act for granting lands to the inhabitants and settlers at Vincennes and the Illinois Country, in the Territory Northwest of the Ohio, and for confirming them in their titles;"

An act, entitled "An act making an appropriation therein mentioned;"

A resolve respecting the establishment of a Mint,



A resolve respecting the ungranted lands within the Territories of the United States; and

A resolve respecting the safe-keeping of prisoners committed under the authority of the United States.

On a motion made and seconded,

*Resolved, unanimously,* That the Speaker communicate the thanks of the House of Representatives to the Mayor and Corporation of this City, and the Commissioners of the County of Philadelphia, for the elegant and convenient accommodations provided for their present session.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts and resolve, to wit:

“An act repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also, upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same;”

“An act supplemental to the act establishing the Treasury Department, and for a farther compensation to certain officers.”

“An act relative to the rix dollar of Denmark.”

“An act in addition to an act, entitled “An act for establishing the salaries of the Executive Officers of the Government, with their Assistants and Clerks”

“An act making compensations to the Commissioners of Loans, for extraordinary expenses.”

“An act providing compensations for the officers of the judicial courts of the United States, and for jurors and witnesses, and for other purposes.”

“An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled “An act for the temporary establishment of the Post Office.”

“An act supplementary to the act making provision for the reduction of the public debt.”

“An act making further provision for the collection of the duties by law imposed on teas, and to prolong the term for the payment of the duties on wines.” And

A resolve respecting the safe-keeping of prisoners committed under the authority of the United States.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

*Mr. Speaker:* I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign the following enrolled bills and resolves, which originated in the Senate, to wit :

“An act making an appropriation for the purpose therein mentioned.”

“An act to amend an act for establishing the temporary and permanent Seat of the Government of the United States.”

“An act to continue in force the act therein mentioned, and to make further provision for the payment of pensions to invalids, and for the support of light houses, beacons, buoys, and public piers.”

“An act for granting lands to the inhabitants and settlers at Vincennes and the Illinois country, in the Territory Northwest of the Ohio, and for confirming them in their possessions.”

“A resolve respecting the ungranted lands within the Territories of the United States.” And

“A resolve respecting the establishment of a mint.” And then he withdrew.

On a motion made and seconded,

“That the thanks of the House of Representatives of the United States, be presented to Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, in testimony of their approbation of his conduct in the chair, and in the execution of the difficult and important trust reposed in him, as Speaker of the said House:”

It was resolved unanimously. Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker made his acknowledgments to the House, in manner following:

*Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:*

This unexpected mark of your approbation of my conduct, has made so deep an impression on my mind, that I cannot find words to express the high sense of gratitude I entertain on this occasion.

I have not vanity sufficient to suppose that my feeble, though well-meant endeavors merit so great a reward; for it was your kind indulgence and support alone, which enabled me to go through the duties of the station which you were pleased to assign me; but I shall ever consider this distinguished and honorable testimony as the most fortunate circumstance of my life.

Gentlemen, I most sincerely thank you. May every possible happiness attend you and every individual of this body; and may your zealous endeavors to promote the welfare of our beloved country, which I have so long and so often been a witness to, be crowned with unbounded success.

*Ordered*, That a message be sent to the Senate, to inform them that this House, having completed the business before them, are now about to adjourn without day, and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The Clerk accordingly went with the said message; and being returned,

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary, notifying that the Senate, having completed the Legislative business before them, are now about to adjourn: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House *sine die*.



## APPENDIX.

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*Proceedings of the District of Kentucky, for admission into the Union as an independent State.*

“DANVILLE, October 4th, 1790.

SIR: By order of Convention, I now enclose to you a copy of the resolutions of Convention, respecting the separation of the District of Kentucky from the State of Virginia; and their address to the President and Congress of the United States.

I have the honor to be, with the highest respect,

Sir, your most humble servant,

GEORGE MUTER, *President of Convention.*

*The President of the United States.”*

UNITED STATES, December 9, 1790.

A true copy.

TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States.*

“DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY, to wit:

IN CONVENTION, July 28, 1790.

*Resolved*, That it is expedient for, and the will of, the good People of the District of Kentucky, that the same be erected into an independent State, on the terms and conditions specified in an act of the Virginia Assembly, passed the eighteenth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled “An act concerning the erection of the District of Kentucky into an independent State.”

*Resolved*, That We, the Representatives of the People of Kentucky, duly elected in pursuance of an act of the Legislature of Virginia, passed the eighteenth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled “An act concerning the erection of the District of Kentucky into an independent State,” and now met in Convention, having, with full powers, maturely investigated the expediency of the proposed separation on the terms and conditions specified in the above recited act: do, by these presents, and in behalf of the People of Kentucky, accept the terms and conditions, and do declare that, on the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, the said District of Kentucky shall become a State, separate from, and independent of, the Government of Virginia, and that the said articles become a solemn compact binding on the said People.

“To the President, and the Honorable the Congress of the United States of America:

The Memorial of the Representatives of the People of Kentucky, in Convention assembled, pursuant to an act of the Legislature of Virginia, passed the eighteenth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, entitled “An act concerning the erection of the District of Kentucky into an independent State,” HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That the inhabitants of this country are as warmly devoted to the American Union, and as firmly attached to the perfect happy establishment of the Federal Government as any of the citizens of the United States. That, migrating from thence, they have, with great hazard and difficulty, effected their present settlements. The hope of increasing numbers could alone have supported the early adventurers under those arduous exertions; they have the satisfaction to find that hope verified. At this day, the population and strength of this country render it fully able, in the opinion of your memorialists, to form and support an efficient domestic Government.

The inconveniences resulting from its local situation as a part of Virginia, at first but little felt, have for some time been objects of their most serious attention; which occasioned application to the Legislature of Virginia for redress.

Here your memorialists would acknowledge, with peculiar pleasure, the benevolence of Virginia, in permitting them to remove the evils arising from that source, by assuming upon themselves a state of independence.

This they have thought expedient to do on the terms and conditions stipulated in the above recited act; and have fixed on the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, as the period when the said independence shall commence.

It now remains with the President and the Congress of the United States to sanction these proceedings, by an act of their honorable Legislature, prior to the first day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, for the purpose of receiving into the Federal Union the People of Kentucky, by the name of THE STATE OF KENTUCKY.

Should this determination of your memorialists meet the approbation of the General Government, they have to call a Convention to form a Constitution, subsequent to the act of Congress, and prior to the day fixed for the independence of this country.

When your memorialists reflect on the present comprehensive system of Federal Government, and when they also recollect the determination of a former Congress on this subject, they are left without a doubt that the object of their wishes will be accomplished.

And your memorialists, as in duty bound, shall forever pray.

GEORGE MUTER, *President.*

Attest, THOMAS TODD, *Clerk Convention."*

UNITED STATES, *December 9th, 1790.*

A true copy.

TOBIAS LEAR, *Secretary to the President of the United States.*

UNITED STATES, *February the 9th, 1791.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:*

I have received from the Governor of Vermont authentic documents expressing the consent of the Legislatures of New York, and of the Territory of Vermont, that the said territory shall be admitted to be a distinct member of our Union: and a memorial of Nathaniel Chipman and Lewis R. Morris, Commissioners from the said Territory, praying the consent of Congress to that admission, by the name and style of the State of Vermont, copies of which I now lay before Congress, with whom the Constitution has vested the object of these proceedings.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

*Proceedings of the Legislatures of New York and of the Territory of Vermont relative to the admission of the said Territory into the Union by the name of the State of Vermont.*

"THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD FREE AND INDEPENDENT."

*To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:*

Know ye, that we, having inspected the records remaining in our Secretary's office, do find there a certain original act, in the words and figures following, to wit: "An act appointing Commissioners with power to declare the consent of the Legislature of this State, that a certain territory within the jurisdiction thereof should be formed or erected into a new State: *Be it enacted by the People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That Robert Yates, Robert R. Livingston, John Lansing, junior, Gulian Verplanck, Simeon De Witt, Egbert Benson, Richard Sill, and Melancton Smith, shall be, and hereby are, appointed Commissioners, with full power to them, or any four or more of them, in their discretion, as they shall judge the peace and interest of the United States in general, and of this State in particular, to require the same, and on such terms and conditions, and in such manner and form as they shall judge necessary and proper, to declare the consent of the Legislature of this State that such district or territory within the jurisdiction, and in the Northeastern and Northern parts thereof, as the said Commissioners shall judge most convenient, should be formed and erected into a new State; and with farther full power to treat, conclude, and agree with any person or persons, or any assemblies or bodies of People, touching the premises, or touching the ceding or relinquishing the jurisdiction of this State over such district or territory, or touching the securing or confirming of rights, titles, or possessions of land within such district or territory. held or



claimed under grants from the State of New Hampshire, while a colony, or under grants, sales, or locations, made by the authority of the Government or jurisdiction now existing and exercised in the Northeastern parts of this State, under the name or style of the State of Vermont, against persons claiming the same lands under grants from this State, while a colony, or since the independence thereof: and every act of any four or more of the Commissioners hereby appointed, in the execution of the powers aforesaid, shall be as effectual to every purpose as if the same were an immediate act of the Legislature of this State: *Provided*, Such grants, sales, or locations, by or under Vermont, do not extend to the Westward of the towns granted, located, or occupied under the late colony of New Hampshire, which lay in that part of the country aforesaid, between the North boundary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, continued from the Northwest corner thereof towards Hudson's River, and a parallel line extended Eastward from the point of land where Fort Edward formerly stood, until it meets with the West bounds of any of the said granted, located, or occupied towns. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That whatever stipulations shall be made by the Commissioners appointed by this act, with any person or persons, or any assemblies or bodies of People, touching the premises, or touching the ceding or relinquishing the jurisdiction of this State over such district or territory, or touching the securing of rights, titles, or possessions of lands within such district, for a compensation for extinguishing the claims to lands within such district, as derived under the late Colony of New York, shall be for the use of such claimants, although in such stipulations such compensation should be declared to be for the use of this State, or for the People thereof; and that nothing in this act contained shall be intended or construed to give any such claimant any right to any further compensation whatsoever from this State, other than such compensation which may be so stipulated as aforesaid. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the act, entitled "An act appointing commissioners with power to declare the consent of the Legislature of this State of New York, that a certain territory within the jurisdiction thereof, should be formed or erected into a new State:" passed the sixteenth day of July, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, shall be, and hereby is, repealed.

## STATE OF NEW YORK.

IN ASSEMBLY, February 26th, 1790.

This bill having been read the third time,  
*Resolved*, That the bill do pass.

By order of the Assembly:

GULIAN VERPLANCK, *Speaker*.

IN SENATE, February 27th, 1790

This bill having been read a third time,  
*Resolved*, That the bill do pass.

By order of the Senate:

ISAAC ROOSEVELT, *President pro hac vice*.

IN COUNCIL OF REVISION, 6th of March, 1790.

*Resolved*, That it does not appear improper to the Council, that this bill, entitled "An act appointing Commissioners with power to declare the consent of the Legislature of this State that a certain territory within the jurisdiction thereof, should be formed or erected into a new State," should become a law of this State.

GEORGE CLINTON."

"All which we have exemplified by these presents. In testimony whereof, we have caused these our letters to be made Patent, and the great seal of our said State to be hereunto affixed. Witness our trusty and well-beloved George Clinton, Esquire, Governor of our said State, General and Commander in Chief of all the Militia, and Admiral of the Navy of the same, at our City of New-York, this first day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and in the fifteenth year of our Independence.  
[Great Seal appendant.]

GEORGE CLINTON.

Passed the Secretary's office, the 2d February, 1791.

ROBERT HARPER, *Deputy Secretary*.

"To all to whom these Presents shall come:

Be it known, That Robert Yates, John Lansing, junior, Gulian Verplanck, Simeon De Witt, Egbert Benson, and Melancton Smith, Commissioners appointed by an act of

the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An act appointing Commissioners with power to declare the consent of the Legislature of this State that a certain territory within the jurisdiction thereof should be formed into a new State," passed the sixth day of March last, do hereby, by virtue of the powers to them granted for the purpose, declare the consent of the Legislature of the State of New York, that the community now actually exercising independent jurisdiction as the State of Vermont, be admitted into the Union of the United States of America, and that immediately from such admission all claim of jurisdiction of the State of New York, within the State of Vermont, shall cease; and thenceforth the perpetual boundary line between the State of New York and the State of Vermont shall be as follows, viz: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the State of Massachusetts; thence, Westward, along the South boundary of the township of Pownall, to the Southwest corner thereof; thence, Northerly, along the Western boundaries of the townships of Pownall, Bennington, Shaftsbury, Arlington, Sandgate, Rupert, Pawlett, Wells, and Paulkney, as the said townships are now held or possessed, to the River commonly called Poultney River; thence, down the same, through the middle of the deepest channel thereof, to East Bay; thence, through the middle of the deepest channel of East Bay, and the waters thereof, to where the same communicate with Lake Champlain; thence, through the middle of the deepest channel of Lake Champlain, to the Eastward of the Islands called the Four Brothers, and the Westward of the Islands called Grand Isle and Long Isle, or the Two Heroes, and to the Westward of the Isle La Motte, to the forty-fifth degree of North latitude. And the said Commissioners do hereby declare the will of the Legislature of the State of New York, that, if the Legislature of the State of Vermont shall, on or before the first day of January, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, declare that the State of Vermont shall, on or before the first day of June, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, pay to the State of New York the sum of thirty thousand dollars, that immediately from such declaration by the Legislature of the State of Vermont, all rights and titles to lands within the State of Vermont, under grants from the Government of the late Colony of New York, or from the State of New York, except as herein after excepted, shall cease. Or if the Legislature of the State of Vermont shall not elect to make such declaration, then that, except in cases where the grants from New York were intended as confirmations of grants from New Hampshire, all rights and titles under grants from the Government of the late Colony of New York, or from the State of New York, to lands within the State of Vermont, which may have been granted by the Government of the Colony of New Hampshire, shall cease, and the boundaries, according to which such grants from the Government of the late Colony of New Hampshire have been held or possessed, shall be deemed to be the true boundaries. And the said Commissioners do hereby further declare the will of the Legislature of the State of New York, that all rights and title to lands within the State of Vermont, under grants from the Government of the late Colony of New York, or from the State of New York, and not granted by the Government of the late Colony of New Hampshire, shall be suspended until the expiration of three years after the Governor of the State of Vermont, for the time being, shall have been notified that a Commissioner, to be appointed by the State of New York, after the first day of January, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and to reside and hold a public office at the City of Albany, shall have entered upon the execution of his office. And if, within one year after such notification, there shall be delivered to such Commissioner, either the original or a certified abstract, containing the date, the names of the grantees, and the boundaries of a grant from New York, and if, thereupon, at any time before the expiration of the said term of three years above mentioned, there shall be paid to such Commissioner, at the rate of ten cents per acre, for the whole or any parcel of the lands contained in such grant from New York, all right and title under such grant, shall, in respect to the lands for which payment shall so be made, cease; and a receipt, under the hand and seal of such Commissioner, specifying the land for which payment shall be made, shall be evidence of the payment; and in default of delivering the original, or such certified abstract of the grant, to the Commissioner, within the said term of one year, for that purpose above limited, all right and title under the grant, in respect to which there shall be such default of delivery, shall cease; but where the original or certified abstract of the grant shall be duly delivered to the Commissioner, and if thereupon payment shall not be duly made to the Commissioner, the right and title under the grant in respect to the lands for which payment shall not be made, shall remain; and suits for the recovery of such lands may be prosecuted in the ordinary course of law, provided the suit be commenced within ten years after the State of Vermont shall have been admitted into the Union of the United States, otherwise the right and title under the grant from New York shall, in such case, also



cease. In testimony whereof the said Commissioners have hereunto set their hands, and affixed their seals, the 7th day of October, in the fifteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America, one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

RICHARD VARICK,  
ALEXANDER HAMILTON,  
SAMUEL JONES,  
ROBERT BENSON, } *Witnesses.*

EGBERT BENSON, [L. S.]  
GULIAN VERPLANCK, [L. S.]  
ROBERT YATES, [L. S.]  
MELANCTON SMITH, [L. S.]  
SIMEON DE WITT, [L. S.]  
JOHN LANSING, Junior. [L. S.]

“AN ACT directing the payment of thirty thousand dollars to the State of New York, and declaring what shall be the boundary line between the State of Vermont and the State of New York, and declaring certain grants therein mentioned extinguished.

Whereas Robert Yates, John Lansing, junior, Gulian Verplanck, Simeon De Witt, Egbert Benson, and Melancton Smith, Esquires, Commissioners appointed by an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled “An act appointing Commissioners with power to declare the consent of the Legislature of the State of New York, that a certain territory within the jurisdiction thereof, should be formed into a new State;” passed the fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety, did, by their certain act, on the seventh day of October instant, at New York, by virtue of the powers to them granted for that purpose, among other things, declare the consent of the Legislature of the State of New York, that the State of Vermont be admitted into the Union of the United States of America, and that, immediately from such admission, all claims of jurisdiction of the State of New York, within the State of Vermont, should cease; and thenceforth the perpetual boundary line between the State of New York and the State of Vermont should be as follows, viz: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the State of Massachusetts; thence, Westward, along the south boundary of Pownall, to the Southwest corner thereof; thence, Northerly, along the Western boundaries of the Townships of Pownall, Bennington, Shaftsbury, Arlington, Sandgate, Rupert, Powlett Wells, and Poultney, as the said townships are now held or possessed, to the river commonly called Poultney River; thence, down the same, through the middle of the deepest channel thereof, to East Bay; thence, through the middle of the deepest channel of East Bay, and the waters thereof, to where the same communicate with Lake Champlain; thence, through the middle of the deepest channel of Lake Champlain, to the Eastward of the Islands called the Four Brothers, and the Westward of the Islands called the Grand Isle, and Long Isle, or the Two Heroes, and to the Westward of the Isle La Motte, to the forty-fifth degree of North latitude. And the said Commissioners, by virtue of the powers to them granted, did declare the will of the Legislature of the State of New York, that, if the Legislature of the State of Vermont should, on or before the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, declare that, on or before the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, the said State of Vermont would pay to the State of New York the sum of thirty thousand dollars, that, immediately from such declaration by the Legislature of the State of Vermont, all rights and titles to lands within the State of Vermont, under grants from the Government of the late Colony of New York, or from the State of New York, (except as is therein excepted) should cease:

Wherefore, *It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont*, That the State of Vermont shall, on or before the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, pay the State of New York thirty thousand dollars. And the Treasurer of this State, for and in behalf of this State, and for the purposes mentioned in the act of the Commissioners aforesaid, shall pay to the State of New York the sum of thirty thousand dollars, on or before the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four. And

*It is hereby further enacted*, That the said line, described in the said act of the said Commissioners, shall henceforth be the perpetual boundary line between the State of Vermont and the State of New York. And all grants, charters, or patents, of Land lying within the State of Vermont, made by or under the Government of the late Colony of New York, except such grants, charters, or patents, as were made in confirmation of grants, charters, or patents, made by or under the Government of the late Province or Colony of New Hampshire, are hereby declared null and void, and incapable of being given in evidence in any Court of Law within this State.

## STATE OF VERMONT,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, BENNINGTON, *January 21, 1791.*

The preceding is a true copy of an act passed by the Legislature of the State of Vermont, the twenty-eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

Attest,

ROSWELL HOPKINS, *Secretary of State.*

“AN ACT to authorize the People of this State to meet in Convention to deliberate upon, and agree to, the Constitution of the United States.

Whereas, in the opinion of this Legislature, the future interest and welfare of this State render it necessary that the Constitution of the United States of America, as agreed to by the Convention at Philadelphia, on the seventeenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, with the several amendments and alterations as the same has been since established by the United States, should be laid before the People of this State for their approbation:

*It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont,* That the first Constable in each Town shall warn the inhabitants who by law are entitled to vote for Representatives in General Assembly, in the same manner as they warn Freemen's meetings, to meet in their respective towns on the first Tuesday of December next, at ten o'clock forenoon, at the several places fixed by law for holding the annual election, and when so met they shall proceed, in the same manner as in the election of Representatives, to choose some suitable person from each town to serve as a Delegate in a State Convention, for the purpose of deliberating upon, and agreeing to, the Constitution of the United States as now established: and the said Constable shall certify to the State Convention the person so chosen in manner aforesaid. And,

*It is hereby further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the person so elected to serve in State Convention as aforesaid, do assemble and meet together on the first Thursday of January next, at Bennington, in the County of Bennington, then and there to deliberate upon the aforesaid Constitution of the United States, and, if approved of by them, finally to assent to, and ratify the same, in behalf and on the part of the People of this State, and make report thereof to the Governor of this State, for the time being, to be by him communicated to the President of the United States, and the Legislature of this State.

## STATE OF VERMONT,

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, BENNINGTON, *January 21, 1791.*

The preceding is a true copy of an act passed by the Legislature of the State of Vermont, the twenty-seventh day of October, in year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

Attest,

ROSWELL HOPKINS, *Secretary of State.*

“*In Convention of the Delegates of the People of the State of Vermont.*

Whereas by an act of the Commissioners of the State of New York, done at New York, the seventeenth day of October, in the fifteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, every impediment, as well on the part of the State of New York, as on the part of the State of Vermont, to the admission of the State of Vermont into the Union of the United States of America, is removed: In full faith and assurance that the same will stand approved and ratified by Congress:

This Convention, having impartially deliberated upon the Constitution of the United States of America, as now established, submitted to us by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, passed October twenty-seventh, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, do, in virtue of the power and authority to us given for that purpose, fully and entirely approve of, assent to, and ratify, the said Constitution; and declare that, immediately from and after this State shall be admitted by the Congress into the Union, and to a full participation of the benefits of the Government now enjoyed by the States in the Union, the same shall be binding on us, and the People of the State of Vermont, forever.

Done at Bennington, in the County of Bennington, the tenth day of January, in the fifteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one. In testimony whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN, *President.*

Signed by one hundred and five members—Dissented four.

Attest,

ROSWELL HOPKINS, *Secretary of Convention.*



## STATE OF VERMONT.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, BENNINGTON, *January 21, 1791.*

The preceding is a true copy of the original act of the Convention of the State of Vermont. Done at Bennington, the tenth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

Attest,

ROSWELL HOPKINS, *Secretary of State.*

By his Excellency THOMAS CHITTENDEN, Esquire, Captain General, Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over the State of Vermont.

This certifies, that Roswell Hopkins, Esquire, is Secretary to the State of Vermont, and that all due faith and credence ought to be given to attestations by him officially made.

In testimony whereof, we have caused the seal of this State to be affixed, in Council, this twenty-second day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN. [L. S.]

By his Excellency's command.

JOSEPH FAY, *Secretary.*"BENNINGTON, *January 22, 1791.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you copies of two acts of the Legislature of this State; the one directing the payment of thirty thousand dollars to the State of New York, and declaring the boundary line between the State of Vermont, and the State of New York, and extinguishing certain grants therein mentioned; the other, an act authorizing the People of this State to meet in Convention, to deliberate upon, and agree to, the Constitution of the United States; and also a copy of the proceeding of the Convention.

This will be delivered by the Honorable Nathaniel Chipman, and Lewis R. Morris, Esquires, who are appointed Commissioners to apply to the Congress of the United States for the admission of this State into the Union, whom I beg leave to recommend to your favorable notice.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest consideration and respect, sir, your most obedient and very humble servant,

THOMAS CHITTENDEN.

*The President of the United States.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THOMAS CHITTENDEN, Esquire,

Captain General, Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over the State of Vermont.

*To the Honorable Nathaniel Chipman, Esquire, and Lewis R. Morris, Esquire, greeting:*

You being elected, by the Legislature of this State, Commissioners to the Congress of the United States, to apply for the admission of the State of Vermont into the Union, are hereby authorized and empowered to proceed to the Congress of the United States, now in session at the city of Philadelphia, and negotiate on behalf of this State, agreeable to your said appointment.

In testimony whereof, we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed, in Council, at Bennington, this twenty-fourth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and in the fifteenth year of the Independence of this State.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN, [L. S.]

By his Excellency's command.

JOSEPH FAY, *Secretary.*" *The President and Congress of the United States of America:*

Nathaniel Chipman and Lewis R. Morris, Commissioners, authorized and appointed by the State of Vermont, most respectfully represent, that the citizens of that State having shared, in common with those of the other States, in the hazards and burthens of establishing the American Revolution, have long anxiously desired to be united with them, under the same General Government. They have seen with great satisfaction a new and more perfect union of the People of America: and the unanimity with which they have recently approved the National Constitution, manifests their attachment to it, and the zeal with which they desire to participate its benefits.

Questions of interfering jurisdiction between them and the State of New York have heretofore delayed this application: these points being now happily adjusted, the me-

memorialists, on behalf of their constituents, most respectfully petition, that the Congress will consent to the admission of the State of Vermont, by that name and style, as a new and entire member of the United States.

They have the honor to accompany this memorial with such papers and documents as have relation to the same ; and with the highest deference for the wisdom of Congress, the memorialists repeat their solicitations that, during their present session, they would be pleased to adopt such measures as will include within the National Government, a People zealous to support and defend it.

NATHANIEL CHIPMAN,  
LEWIS R. MORRIS.

*Philadelphia, February 7th, 1791."*



## TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

January 3d, 1791.

SIR : My accounts having lain a considerable time in the offices for settlement, and being now passed, permit me, through you, to lay them before the Honorable the House of Representatives ; and to assure you,

That I am, with perfect respect, sir, your most humble servant,

SAMUEL MEREDITH,

*Treasurer of the United States;*

The Honorable F. A. MÜHLENBERG,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*Treasurer's Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Public Money, between the 1st of July, 1790, and the 30th of September following.*

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, December 2d, 1790.

I hereby certify, that I have examined and adjusted an account between the United States and Samuel Meredith, Esq. Treasurer of said States, for indents of interest received and issued by him from July 1st to September 30th, 1790, and find that he is chargeable on said account for the following sums, viz.

To balance of indents remaining in his hands on settlement of his account, ending 30th June, 1790, per report No. 553, dated July 20th, 1790,	\$ 477,986 98
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To John Cochran, loan-officer for the State of New York, for this sum in indents, received per warrant No. 33,	1
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To amount of fractional parts added to the indents issued on warrants for the payment of interest,	19 81
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Amounting in the whole to	<u>\$ 478,007 79</u>
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I also find that the said Treasurer has paid on warrants, for which he is entitled to have credit, the following sums, viz.

By Thomas Smith, Esq. loan-officer for the State of Pennsylvania, for amount of indents paid to him on warrant No. 9,	\$ 400,000
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By account of interest, for payment of interest on the domestic debt,	69,442 81
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Leaving a balance in the hands of the said Treasurer, on the 1st day of October, 1790, the sum of	8,564 98
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	<u>\$ 478,007 79</u>
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For which balance of eight thousand five hundred and sixty four dollars and ninety-eight cents, in indents of interest, he is to be debited in a future settlement of his accounts, as appears from the statement and vouchers herewith transmitted for the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury thereon.

OLIVER WOLCOTT, jun. *Auditor.*

To NICHOLAS EVELEIGH, Esq. *Comptroller of the Treasury.*

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, 6th December, 1790.

Balance as stated above, brought down,	\$ 8,564 98
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To which add amount of warrant No. 319 in favor of John C. Frecke, not paid,	28 34
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Balance for which the Treasurer is accountable,	<u>\$ 8,593 32</u>
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Admitted as above, and certified :

NICHOLAS EVELEIGH, *Comptroller.*

REGISTER'S OFFICE, 31st December, 1790.

The preceding statement of Samuel Meredith, Treasurer of the United States, his amount of indents of interest received and paid, commencing on the first day of July,

one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and ending on the thirtieth day of September following, is a true copy of the original, transmitted to me by the Comptroller of the Treasury, to be entered in the Treasury books, and to be filed in this office.

JOSEPH NOURSE, *Register*.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, *December 16th, 1790.*

I have examined the accounts of Samuel Meredith, Esquire, Treasurer of the United States, commencing on the 1st day of July, and ending on the 30th day of September, 1790, and find that, by the statement of his accounts to the 1st day of July last, it appeared that he was accountable to the United States for the sum of - \$ 155,320 23

And that warrants had been drawn in his favor on Collectors, which remained unpaid, as particularized in said statement, amounting to - 11,290

\$ 166,610 23

I also find that since the 1st day of July, 1790, the Treasurer has paid sundry warrants which were drawn on him before that day, and included in the former settlement, to the amount of - 125 79

Which sum being deducted from the amount last mentioned, will leave the balance which appeared to be due to the United States, by the records of the Treasury, on the 1st day of July, 1790, agreeably to the statement of the Treasurer's accounts to that period, - 166,484 44

\$ 166,610 23

On examining the Treasury records, it appears that the Treasurer is chargeable in his accounts from June 30th till 30th September, 1790, for the following sums, viz.

To the balance due the United States, by the books of the Treasury, on the 1st day of July, 1790, - \$ 166,484 44

To contingent funds for the amount of warrant on James Blanchard, - \$ 394 10

For the amount of do. on Nathaniel Gilman, - 800

For interest received on Theodosius Fowler and Company's note, - 8 98

1,203 08

To general account of moneys arising from the acts imposing duties on merchandise and tonnage, for the amount of warrants drawn in favor of the Treasurer on Collectors, from 30th June, to 30th of September, 1790, inclusive, agreeably to the Register's account, - 444,283 06

Amounting in the whole to - \$ 611,970 58

It also appears that warrants have been drawn on the Treasurer, from July 1st till September, 30th 1790, which were charged as expenditures on account of the following appropriations, to wit:

Upon the appropriation granted to defray the expenses incident to the sessions of Congress, anno 1790, as specified in the statement herewith—the sum of - \$ 65,578 29

Upon the appropriation of \$ 147,169 54 as per do. 5,901 77

Upon the appropriation of 155,537 72 as per do. 33,625 20

Upon the appropriation of 141,492 73 as per do. 39,383 87

Upon the appropriation of 190,000 as per do. 75,038 32

Upon the appropriation of 96,000 as per do. 11,827 33

Upon the appropriation of 96,979 72 as per do. 1,008

Upon the appropriation of 216,000 as per do. 400

Upon the appropriation of 104,327 22 as per do. 20,926 52

Upon the appropriation of 20,000 as per do. 7,000

Upon the appropriation of 50,000 as per do. 541 75

Upon the appropriation of 1,309 71 as per do. 1,309 71

Upon the appropriation of 10,000 as per do. 1,165 58

Upon the appropriation of 200 as per do. 200

Upon the appropriation of 120 as per do. 120

Amounting in the whole to - 264,026 34



Leaving a balance due to the United States on the first day of October, 1790, agreeably to the records of the Treasury, (including 8 dollars and 98 cents, not yet charged in the public books) of - - 347,944 24

Total \$ 611,970 58

I find that, to ascertain the actual balance, for which the Treasurer was accountable on the first day of October, 1790, the following sums ought to be added to the balance appearing due by the foregoing statement, being the amount of warrants drawn on the Treasurer, which had not been discharged by him, viz:

Warrant No. 577, in favor of Geo. Bush, not produced,	\$1,008 00
614, I. Elmer,	924 00
669, B. Harrison,	24 00
671, M. Smith,	57 28
672, J. Roy and Bayard	3,087 71
	<u>5,100 99</u>

Which, when added to the balance due by the foregoing statement, will amount to \$353,045 23

From the foregoing balance the following sums are to be deducted, being the amount of warrants in favor of the Treasurer, on account of which he had not received payment, viz:

Warrant No. 267, on William Heth,	\$3,000 00
485, on Benjamin Lincoln,	358 00
524, on do.	17 00

Amounting, in the whole, to \$3,375 00

Which will leave the sum, for which the Treasurer was accountable to the United States, on the first day of October, 1790, \$349,670 23

It appears, from the accounts rendered by the Treasurer, and the records of the Treasury, that said sum of three hundred and forty-nine thousand six hundred and seventy dollars and twenty-three cents, consisted of the following particulars, viz:

Commissions charged by the Bank of Massachusetts, in this and the preceding quarters, on deposits not admitted to his credit,	\$90 52
Charge for transporting money, in the last quarter's account, including eight cents balance of errors, not admitted	1 46
Protests of drafts on William Lindsay, not admitted	41 47
Warrant in favor of Geo. Bush, No. 577, said to be paid by the Treasurer, but not produced,	1,008 00
Cash in the hands of Samuel Meredith, Esquire, as agent to the trustees for reducing the public debt,	51,477 90
Cash in the Bank of North America, - - - - -	89,533 66
Do. in the Bank of New York, - - - - -	197,097 41
Do. in the Bank of Massachusetts, - - - - -	10,419 81

Amounting, as before stated, to \$349,670 23

The statement and vouchers on which this report is founded, are herewith transmitted for the decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury thereon.

OLIVER WOLCOTT, Jun. *Auditor.*

To NICHOLAS EVELEIGH, Esq. *Comptroller of the Treasury.*

From the foregoing balance is now to be deducted No. 577 warrant, in favor of Geo. Bush, of 1,008 dollars, which is since produced, making the balance \$348,662 23

N. B. The above warrant, No. 577, is to be charged as an expenditure upon the appropriation of 96,979 dollars and 72 cents.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, 27th December, 1790.

Admitted and certified.

NICHOLAS EVELEIGH, *Comptroller*

To JOSEPH NOURSE, Esq. *Register*

REGISTER'S OFFICE, December 31, 1790.

The foregoing statement of Samuel Meredith, Treasurer of the United States, his account of moneys received and paid, commencing on the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and ending on the thirtieth day of September following, is a true copy of the original, transmitted to me by the Comptroller of the Treasury, to be entered in the Treasury books, and to be filed in this office.

JOSEPH NOURSE, *Register.**Payments and Receipts in Indents, by the Treasurer of the United States.*

Paid warrant			Balance in my hands, 30th last	
No.			June, per account, furnished	
	9 to Thomas Smith,	\$400,000 00	to that time,	\$477,986 98
21	William Rogers,	1,800 00		
95	J. Tichenor,	518 92		
108	Andrew Craigie,	1,379 18		
157	J. F. Sebor & Co.	1,697 80		
166	Richard Cornell,	18 95		
194	T. Fowler & Co.	670 33		
217	Ditto,	567 06		
222	Andrew Craigie	446 73		
223	T. Fowler & Co.	2,383 15		
234	James F. Sebor	4,063 97		
235	Ditto,	3,200 05		
236	T. Fowler & Co.	208 97		
237	Abijah Hammond,	3,231 71		
242	T. Fowler & Co.	2,900 39		
254	Robert Gilchrist,	1,019 35		
256	Anspach & Rogers,	837 56		
259	Ditto,	274 25		
267	T. Fowler & Co.	1,074 69		
268	Daniel Penfield,	801 91		
276	Kobert Gilchrist,	2,866 93		
279	T. Fowler & Co.	1,656 92		
286	Benj. S. Judah,	13 43		
288	Andrew Craigie,	1,928 16		
290	Robert Colfax	196 27		
294	Joseph Howell, jun.	421 35		
296	Thomas McEwen,	863 24		
301	Andrew Dunscomb,	588 36		
304	J. C. Frecke,	334 90		
305	Anspach & Rogers,	203 13		
308	Joshua Mersereaux,	927 73		
309	J. Frecke,	1,822 32		
310	John Polhelms,	46 08		
312	Thomas Barclay,	1,233 91		
314	Joseph Hardy,	212 55		
316	William Kenyon,	2,880 00		
317	Robert Gilchrist,	818 12		
319	J. C. Frecke,	28 34		
323	Dorcas Lee,	73 08		
324	Nicholas Low,	2,799 60		
332	John Polhelms,	509 19		
340	J. C. Frecke,	604 77		
341	Anspach & Rogers,	531 30		
342	Robert Gilchrist	1,019 25		
343	Samuel Hay	130 21		
346	Robert Gilchrist	896 30		
353	William Wilsher,	65 41		
358	John Quackenbos	26 76		
359	Thomas Speer,	318 59		
361	A. G. Fraunces,	637 82		
367	Jabes Johnson	259 16		
369	John & C. Shaw,	557 63		



*Payments and Receipts in Indents—continued.*

Paid warrant		Balance brought forward,	\$477,986 98
371 to Andrew Hageman,	\$37 67	Received for warrant No. 33,	
376 Benj. S. Judah,	7,254 05	on John Cochran,	1 00
379 Henry Van Pelt,	58 08	Amount of fractions added to	
384 Anspach & Rogers,	263 07	the several warrants, per con-	
385 David Reedy, —	235 71	tra,	19 81
389 Benj. S. Judah,	224 07		
391 D. Penfield	855 58		
393 Richard Platt,	1,189 55		
397 Mary Ross,	21 38		
401 John Stryker,	33 42		
403 Leonard Bleecker,	1,929 47		
412 Thomas Hook,	32 02		
414 Thomas Van Pelt	230 18		
417 John Simmons,	957 42		
421 John Conway	157 83		
426 Andrew Craigie	3,310 55		
435 Stephen Rabbit,	86 98		
Balance in my hands this day,	8,564 98		
	<u>\$478,007 79</u>		<u>\$478,007 79</u>

J. C. Frecke's warrant, No. 319, was paid, August 12th, 1790, to John Bush, with eight others, as the undermentioned entry will shew, (but not receipted.)

No. 237, A. Hammond, 1st June,	for	-	\$3,231 71
254, R. Gilchrist, 7th	for	-	1,019 35
304, J. C. Frecke, 13th July,	for	-	334 90
309, Ditto, 15th	for	-	1,822 32
317, R. Gilchrist, 23d	for	-	818 12
319, J. C. Frecke, 26th	for	-	28 34
340, Ditto, 9th August,	for	-	604 77
342, R. Gilchrist,	for	-	1,019 25
346, Ditto, 11th	for	-	896 30
			<u>\$9,775 06</u>

Indents paid for the above warrants:

No. 18,001 to 18,024, is 24, at 13 dollars each,	\$312 00
18,025 - - - - -	1 00
18,001 to 18,017, is 17, at 165 dollars each,	2,805 00
18,018 - - - - -	40 00
18,126 to 18,150, a whole book,	4,450 00
18,163 to 18,175, is 13, at 165 dollars each,	2,145 00
18,175 - - - - -	13 00
18,174 - - - - -	9 00
Fraction, - - - - -	06
	<u>\$9,775 06</u>

The warrant is given up and cancelled, and therefore no injury can arise to the public.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,  
New York, October 1, 1790.

SAMUEL MEREDITH,  
*Treasurer of the United States.*

*Payments and Receipts by the*

Paid warrant		
No. 522	To Reuben Burnley, for warrant No. 1,109, dated 26th March, 1789,	\$101 83
523	Ditto, - - - No. 1,111, - - -	23 96
524	Amasa Learned, attorney for Richard Law, his salary	250 00
525	John Paulding, his pension, - - -	50 00
526	Dominick L'Eglize, ditto, - - -	30 00
527	Oliver Wolcott, salaries for his office, - - -	2,470 03
528	Henry Knox, ditto, ditto, - - -	1,295 98
529	Tench Coxe, salaries for Secretary of Treasury's office, - - -	1,764 28
530	Wm. Houston, attorney for Richard Wylley, his salary, - - -	678 28
531	Nicholas Eveleigh, salaries for his office, - - -	1,138 73
532	William Irwine, and others, salaries for their office, - - -	2,275 00
533	Joseph Nourse, salaries for his office, - - -	1,312 50
534	Jos. Bindon, attorney for Joseph Traversie, his pension, - - -	60 00
535	John Ramsey, attorney for Arthur St. Clair, his salary, - - -	500 00
536	Jos. Stanton, his attendance and travelling expenses, - - -	62 00
537	Benjamin Hawkins, ditto, - - -	546 00
538	Joseph Nourse, assignee of Eliz. Bergen, her pension, - - -	13 33
539	Cyrus Griffin, his salary, - - -	450 00
540	Nich. Gilman, attorney for John Sullivan, his salary, - - -	250 00
541	Jehoiakim McTocksin, his compensation as interpreter, - - -	120 00
542	John McCord, for balance of his account, - - -	1,309 71
543	Samuel Meredith, for salaries for his office, - - -	650 00
544	Ditto, attorney for James Wilson, his salary, - - -	875 00
545	Samuel A. Otis, his salary, - - -	375 00
546	Joseph Nourse, for balance of contingent account for Treasury Department, - - -	17 31
547	Ditto, account of contingent expenses of Treasury Department, - - -	517 39
548	Thomas Sinnickson, attorney for David Brearly, for his salary, - - -	250 00
549	John Bard, Jun. attorney for Nathaniel Pendleton, his salary, - - -	375 00
550	Mel. Smith, provisions at West Point, from 1st June to 30th June, 1790, - - -	55 44
551	Thomas Jefferson, salaries for his office, &c. - - -	1,584 72
552	Geo. Thatcher, attorney for David Sewall, his salary, - - -	500 00
553	John Adams, account his compensation, - - -	500 00
554	Joseph Howell, Jun. for warrant No. 1,045, dated 31st December, 1788, - - -	6,000 00
555	Tobias Lear, account the President's compensation, - - -	1,000 00
556	Samuel Meredith, attorney for Francis Hopkinson, his salary, - - -	400 00
557	Ditto, attorney for John Rutledge, his salary, - - -	875 00
558	James Gunn, attendance and travelling expenses, - - -	866 00
559	Ralph Izard, ditto, - - -	636 00
560	John Jay, his salary, - - -	1,000 00
561	Thomas T. Tucker, agent for L. Neufville, his salary, - - -	1,500 00
562	William Constable, assignee of Ph. Audibert, for warrant No. 191, dated 28th August, 1787, - - -	2,000 00
563	William Constable, assignee of James O'Hara, for warrant No. 1154, dated 19th May, 1789, - - -	4,223 52
564	William Constable, assignee of James O'Hara, for warrant No. 457, dated 20th May, 1789, - - -	2,133 63
565	F. A. Muhlenberg, for the House of Representatives, - - -	8,000 00
566	Tobias Lear, account the President's compensation, - - -	500 00
567	Pierce Butler, his attendance and travelling expenses, - - -	636 00
568	William Maclay, do. - - -	759 00
569	Samuel Meredith, attorney for John Blair, his salary, - - -	875 00
570	Ditto, assignee of T. L. Moore, attorney to George Turner, for his salary, - - -	158 70



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Balance of account furnished to the 30th last June,			\$ 166,540 55
Received for warrant			
No. 377	On Joseph Hiller, Collector of Salem,	-	2,061 00
378	William Heth, Bermuda Hundred,	-	500 00
379	John Halstead, Perth Amboy,	-	575 00
380	Otho H. Williams, Baltimore,	-	300 00
381	George Bush, Wilmington, Del.	-	1,008 00
382	Charles Lee, Alexandria,	-	1,000 00
383	Elic Elmer, Bridgetown,	-	550 10
384	George Bush, Wilmington, Del.	-	139 00
385	William Heth, Bermuda Hundred,	-	4,033 33
386	John Lamb, New York,	-	5,656 68
387	John Habersham, Savannah,	-	500 00
388	William Lindsay, Norfolk,	-	500 00
390	John Muir, Vienna,	-	300 00
391	Benjamin Lincoln, Boston,	-	1,000 00
392	George Abb. Hall, Charleston,	-	2,000 00
393	Charles Lee, Alexandria,	-	1,000 00
394	Benjamin Lincoln, Boston,	-	7,000 00
395	Hudson Muse, Tappahannock,	-	500 00
396	George Abb. Hall, Charleston,	-	8,000 00
397	Jedidiah Huntington, New London,	-	1,000 00
398	William Lindsay, Norfolk,	-	3,000 00
399	George Abb. Hall, Charleston,	-	3,000 00
400	Benjamin Lincoln, Boston,	-	9,000 00
401	Jonathan Fitch, New Haven,	-	550 00
402	George Abb. Hall, Charleston,	-	2,000 00
403	Jedidiah Huntington, New London,	-	2,000 00
404	William Heth, Bermuda Hundred,	-	500 00
405	Benjamin Lincoln, Boston,	-	1,000 00
406	Otho H. Williams, Baltimore,	-	446 66
407	Ditto, Ditto,	-	2,372 31
408	Benjamin Lincoln, Boston,	-	2,083 00
409	Otho H. Williams, Baltimore,	-	2,091 86
410	George Bush, Wilmington, Del.	-	1,287 18
411	Ditto, Ditto,	-	75 63
412	John Ross, Burlington,	-	240 00
413	William Heth, Bermuda Hundred,	-	20 00
414	Benjamin Lincoln, Boston,	-	455 00
415	Richard Harris, Marblehead,	-	396 00
416	Nath. F. Fosdick, Portland,	-	410 00
417	Ditto, Ditto,	-	200 00
418	Joseph Hiller, Salem,	-	1,200 00
419	Jer. Hill, Biddeford & Pepperelboro',	-	149 33
420	Stephen Cross, Newburyport,	-	475 00
421	Jer. Hill, Biddeford & Pepperelboro',	-	170 00
422	Stephen Cross, Newburyport,	-	645 00
423	Fr. Cook, Wiscasset,	-	200 00
424	Epes Sargent, Gloucester,	-	400 00
425	Joseph Hiller, Salem,	-	1,138 66
426	Stephen Cross, Newburyport,	-	326 20
427	Ditto, Ditto,	-	525 00
428	Benjamin Lincoln, Boston,	-	7,000 00
429	James Read, Wilmington, N. C.	-	500 00
430	Benjamin Lincoln, Boston,	-	700 00
431	William Lindsay, Norfolk,	-	41,800 00
432	John Habersham, Savannah,	-	3,000 00
433	Thomas Benbury, Edenton,	-	500 00
434	James Read, Wilmington, N. C.	-	800 00
435	John Daves, Newbern,	-	700 00
436	R. M. Scott, Dumfries,	-	3,300 00

*Payments and Receipts by the*

## Paid warrant

571	On Richard Bassett, agent for G. Bedford, his salary, -	\$610 86
572	Ditto, for his attendance and travelling expenses, -	754 50
573	Sam. Sterret and Co. agents for Win. Paca, his salary, -	375 00
574	Jos. Nourse, agent for Richard Gridley, his pension, -	444 40
575	Samuel Meredith, agent of D. Delozier, administrator to the estate of John White, his salary, -	430 40
576	John Beckley, for contingent expenses of the House of Representatives, -	1,000 00
577	Geo. Bush, to pay invalid pensions, for Delaware State, -	1,008 00
578	Edmund Randolph, account of his salary, -	145 38
579	Ditto, his salary, -	375 00
580	John Adams, account of his compensation, -	500 00
581	Rob. Morris, agent for John C. Symmes, his salary, -	400 00
582	Sam. A. Otis, for contingent expenses of the Senate, -	1,500 00
583	John Beckley, attorney to Harry Innes, for his salary, -	13 58
584	Ditto, do do -	250 00
585	William Cushing, for his salary, -	875 00
586	John Page, attorney for Gen. Weedon, executor to the estate of the late Gen. Mercer, for his youngest son, -	400 00
587	Tobias Lear, account the President's compensation, -	1,500 00
588	T. Foster, his attendance and travelling expenses, -	285 00
589	John Adams, account his compensation, -	1,000 00
590	Joseph Howell, jun. salaries for his office, -	1,628 13
591	Pat. Ferrall, for balance of contingent expenses of office for settling accounts, -	29 51
592	James Iredell, for his salary, -	875 00
593	William Heth, to pay invalid pensions for Virginia, -	4,033 33
594	John Lamb, do New York, -	5,656 68
595	John Langdon, account his compensation, -	876 00
596	F. A. Muhlenberg for House of Representatives, -	12,000 00
597	Ditto, do -	15,911 69
598	Richard Bassett, attendance and travelling expenses, -	78 00
599	Paine Wingate, do do -	886 50
600	F. A. Muhlenberg, for House of Representatives, -	670 00
601	Benj. Walker, attorney for Baron Steuben, his pension, -	1,250 00
602	F. C. Mantel, attorney to Le Ray de Chaumont, the younger, attorney to the elder, due him, -	9,051 83
603	Tench Coxe, attorney for Richard Butler, executor to the estate of William Butler, deceased, for his pay, -	788 35
604	Ditto, do balance due him, -	337 67
605	Thomas Jefferson, for use of his office, -	500 00
606	S. Harding, his services on board the Alliance frigate, -	200 00
607	Thomas Tudor Tucker, agent for Richard Winn, for balance due him, -	75 00
608	Samuel Provost, his salary, -	295 80
609	Tobias Lear, account the President's compensation, -	1,000 00
610	P. R. Maverick, for engraving, -	91 08
611	Thomas Randall, for salaries for himself, &c. -	415 80
612	Joseph Howell, jun. two months pay and subsistence of Burbeck's company of artillery, for the year 1790, -	811 00
613	Henry Knox, account the Indian treaty, -	7,000 00
615	Joseph Howell, jun. for warrant 1046, dated 31st December 1788, -	6,000 00
616	Ditto, agent for Andrew Ellicott, account of surveys, -	1,200 00
617	Pat. Ferrall, for contingent expenses for office of settling accounts, -	300 00
618	William Bayard, substitute for Thomas L. Moore, attorney for George Turner, his salary, -	241 30
619	Walter Nicolls, for sundry articles for household of late President of Congress, -	22 1 <sup>c</sup>



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## Received for warrant

437	On Hudson Muse, Collector of Tappahannock,	-	-	\$2,000 00
438	James M. C. Ligan, Georgetown,	-	-	1,050 00
439	Charles Lee, Alexandria,	-	-	4,072 59
440	George Abb. Hall, Charleston,	-	-	6,991 31
441	Jonathan Fitch, New Haven,	-	-	1,220 00
442	Otho H. Williams, Baltimore,	-	-	6,092 72
443	Burrall Devereaux, Deputy Marblehead,	-	-	370 00
444	Stephen Hussey, Collector of Nantucket,	-	-	448 17
445	John Lee, -	-	-	130 00
446	William Watson, -	-	-	400 00
447	Stephen Cross, Newburyport,	-	-	333 33
448	Nath. F. Fosdick, Portland,	-	-	412 40
449	Joseph Hiller, Salem,	-	-	787 00
450	Stephen Cross, Newburyport,	-	-	195 29
451	Jer. Hill, Biddeford & Pepperleboro',	-	-	265 92
452	Joseph Hiller, Salem,	-	-	897 00
453	Fr. Cook, Wiscasset,	-	-	125 00
454	Ditto, Ditto,	-	-	100 00
455	William Webb, -	-	-	500 00
456	Richard Trevett, -	-	-	300 00
457	M. Jordan, -	-	-	490 00
458	Jos. Otis, -	-	-	100 00
459	B. Devereaux, deputy Marblehead,	-	-	200 00
460	Edward Pope, -	-	-	284 00
461	Richard Trevett, -	-	-	200 00
462	John Lee, -	-	-	120 00
463	John Peas, -	-	-	100 00
464	Stephen Hussey, Nantucket,	-	-	100 00
465	William Watson, -	-	-	200 00
466	William Webb, -	-	-	120 00
467	Stephen Cross, Newburyport,	-	-	1,075 00
468	Joseph Hiller, Salem,	-	-	1,610 00
469	John Lamb, New York,	-	-	66,388 93
470	Ditto, Ditto,	-	-	2,137 32
471	Sharp Delany, Philadelphia,	-	-	63,500 00
472	George Bush, Wilmington,	-	-	188 00
473	Elie Elmer, Bridgetown,	-	-	216 00
474	Joseph Whipple, Portsmouth	-	-	1,500 00
475	George Biscoe, Nottingham	-	-	200 00
476	John Cogdell, -	-	-	600 00
477	George Abb. Hall, Charleston	-	-	2,000 00
478	Ditto, Do.	-	-	2,000 00
479	Jedidiah Huntington, New London	-	-	1,000 00
480	Benjamin Lincoln, Boston	-	-	1,000 00
481	George Abb. Hall, Charleston	-	-	1,600 00
482	Ditto, Do.	-	-	2,000 00
483	Ditto, Do.	-	-	2,000 00
484	Benjamin Lincoln, Boston	-	-	16,020 80
486	Ditto, Do.	-	-	930 00
487	Joseph Whipple, Portsmouth	-	-	1,350 00
488	George Abb. Hall, Charleston	-	-	15,804 34
489	Ditto, Do.	-	-	5,100 00
490	Ditto, Do.	-	-	1,000 00
491	Ditto, Do.	-	-	250 00
492	Benjamin Lincoln, Boston	-	-	296 00
493	Jedidiah Huntington, New London	-	-	3,700 00
494	Ditto, Do.	-	-	800 00
495	William Lindsay, Norfolk	-	-	1,000 00
496	Thomas Benbury, Edenton	-	-	500 00
497	John Cogdell, -	-	-	400 00

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## Paid warrant

620	To Cobb. Myers, for wood, for household of late President of Congress, - - - - -	\$13 84
621	Richard Platt, attorney for Winth. Sargent, his salary, -	187 50
622	William Houston, attorney to Richard Wylley, balance due him, - - - - -	804 26
623	Const. Freeman, account a bill of exchange and drafts thereon, - - - - -	3,123 28
624	Dan. Dennison, administrator to the estate of Hugh Smith, balance due him, - - - - -	120 65
625	M. Ogden, assignee of Alb. Cox, for dies for medals, -	140 00
626	Joseph Howell, for warrant No. 1040. dated 31st December, 1788, - - - - -	6,000 00
627	W. Edgar, assignee of J. Rankin, his pay as interpreter, -	416 00
628	Ditto, do messenger, -	878 78
629	Samuel A. Otis, his pay, - - - - -	268 00
630	Benjamin Bankson, do - - - - -	402 00
631	Robert Heysham do - - - - -	268 00
632	James Mathers, do - - - - -	402 00
633	Cornelius Maxwell, do - - - - -	268 00
634	Henry Knox, salaries, &c. - - - - -	1,300 00
635	S. and J. Smith, agents for Robert Elliott and Elie Williams, for rations and provisions, &c. - - - - -	15,000 00
636	Shedden Patrick and Co. for a bill of exchange on R. Franklin, returned, - - - - -	200 00
637	Tobias Lear, on account of President's compensation, -	1,000 00
638	J. D. Mercier, agent for Thos. Leaming, jun. for two bills exchange on Commissioners at Paris, returned, -	36 00
639	Royal Flint, agent for J. Wadsworth, for apprehending the Cranes, - - - - -	1,061 00
640	Tobias Lear, on account of President's compensation, -	2,000 00
641	Joseph Howell, jun. assignee of M. Hillegas, for warrant No. 447, dated 6th November, 1788, - - - - -	4,000 00
642	Tench Coxe, balance of salaries due the office of Secretary of the Treasury - - - - -	71 42
643	Thomas Jefferson, balance of salaries due the office of Secretary of State - - - - -	22 25
644	M. Leavenworth, agent for A. Doolittle, for a seal -	8 00
645	E. Prior, attorney to W. Wilson, his pay as messenger -	958 80
646	P. R. Maverick, for engraving - - - - -	5 50
647	John Beckley, for contingent expenses of his office -	1,500 00
648	Joseph Nourse, do. do. - - - - -	500 00
649	Joseph Howell, jun. for warrant No. 1049, dated 31st December, 1788 - - - - -	6,000 00
650	Mel. Smith, for provisions issued at West Point, from 1st to 30th July, 1790 - - - - -	57 28
651	T. Jefferson, to pay an interpreter of the French language -	302 75
652	Tobias Lear, on account of the President's compensation -	1,000 00
653	Joseph Howell, jun. for warrant 1048, dated 31st December, 1788 - - - - -	6,000 00
654	Samuel Meredith, agent for Jacob Drayton, executor of the estate of William Drayton, his salary - - - - -	237 36
655	William Maclay, his attendance and travelling expenses -	18 00
656	Samuel Meredith, agent for several members of the Senate, for their attendance and travelling expenses -	14,556 80
657	Caleb Strong, his attendance and travelling expenses -	834 00
658	J. Howell, jun. pay and subsistence of troops on the Ohio -	8,438 00
659	R. Philips, steward to the late President of Congress -	234 22
660	I. Ludlow, balance due to him for executing a survey -	541 75
661	Joseph Howell, jun. for warrant No. 1050, dated 31st December, 1788 - - - - -	4,000 00



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Received for warrant				
No. 498	On Geo. Abb. Hall, Collector of	Charleston	-	\$ 237 36
499	George Biscoe,	Nottingham	-	4,000 00
500	Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston	-	2,000 00
501	Ditto,	Do.	-	1,800 00
502	John Habersham,	Savannah	-	1,500 00
503	Ditto,	Do.	-	1,906 20
504	Jedidiah Huntington,	New London	-	2,000 00
505	Otho H. Williams,	Baltimore	-	876 00
506	Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston	-	894 00
507	Abraham Archer,	York Town	-	964 00
508	Hudson Muse,	Tappahannock	-	891 00
509	R. M. Scott,	Dumfries	-	131 00
510	William Lindsay,	Norfolk	-	18,049 51
511	Charles Lee,	Alexandria	-	2,178 00
512	Joseph Whipple,	Portsmouth	-	706 00
513	William Heth,	Bermuda Hundred	-	400 00
514	John Halsted,	Perth Amboy	-	350 00
515	George Bush,	Wilmington	-	1,257 56
516	Eli Elmer,	Bridgetown	-	36 00
517	John Ross,	Burlington	-	430 00
518	Sharp Delany,	Philadelphia	-	40,000 00
519	George Bush,	Wilmington	-	100 37
520	Benjamin Lincoln,	Boston	-	500 00
521	Jedidiah Huntington,	New London	-	700 00
522	George Abb. Hall,	Charleston	-	2,000 00
523	John Habersham,	Savannah	-	450 00
525	George Abb. Hall,	Charleston	-	2,000 00
389	John Habersham,	Savannah	-	500 00
42	James Blanchard,			394 10
43	Nathaniel Gilman,			800 00
Interest received on Theodosius Fowler and Co's note				8 98
				<u>\$ 611,651 69</u>

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES, *New York*, 1st October, 1790.SAMUEL MEREDITH, *Treasurer of the United States.*

Mr. Bush was written to the 9th July, to send forward his receipt for warrant No. 577; but it was not obtained until after the Auditor had passed the account.

*Payments by the Treasurer*

Paid warrant		
No. 662	To Joseph Howell, jr. pay and subsistence of the troops for the present year - - - - -	\$ 1,906 20
663	Richard Rogers, for his salary - - - - -	103 26
664	W. Hill, agent for R. Flint, account his clothing contract - - - - -	6,000 00
665	Tobias Lear, on account of President's compensation - - - - -	1,000 00
666	John Adams, on account of his compensation - - - - -	1,000 00
667	Joseph Howell, jun. for warrant No. 1085, for \$3,500, No. 1086, for \$3,000; No. 1087, for \$2,000; No. 1088, for \$2,422 47-90ths; No. 1089, for 1,626 76-90ths; No. 1090, for \$3,102; No. 1091, for \$3,539 31-90ths; No. 1092, for \$3,490 60-90ths; all dated 28th February, 1788 - - -	22,681 37
668	Do. for warrant No. 1043, dated 31st December, 1788 - - -	6,000 00
670	John Lamb, to pay invalid pensions at New York - - -	2,137 32
Commissions charged by Massachusetts' Bank on receiving deposits - - -		22 30
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Balance to the 30th September, 1790, as explained at foot - - -		260,081 44
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		351,570 25
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		\$ 611,651 69
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No. 267,	on William Heth, unpaid - - - - -	3,000 00
Protests on drafts on William Lindsay, (no warrant issued,) - - -		41 47
Trustees for reduction of public debt - - - - -		51,477 90
In the Bank of North America, - - - 89,533 66		} 297,050 88
New York, - - - 197,097 41		
Massachusetts, - - - 10,419 81		
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		\$ 351,570 25
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